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Dates for Winter Wolf Festival events are nearly upon the area

Old and new events to highlight Feb. 7-8 show

Grayling's February Winter Wolf Festival has centered on the Hanson Hills recreation area, and added several new events for 1997. This year's event will be held on Feb. 7-8.

Back are the popular demonstration snowboards and snowshoes. New is the opportunity to "Ski With The Stars," with the Rosignal Cross Country Ski team.

Participation in some of the events requires a \$2 Winter Wolf button.

On Saturday, Feb. 8, a snowshoe clinic will be presented for anyone who would like tips on how to be more proficient or get tips on the various types and models of snowshoes.

Snowboard demonstrations also will be offered on both Saturday and Sunday.

The "Ski With The Stars" opportunity is Sunday, Feb. 9, from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Hanson Hills Cross Country Ski Shop.



The Winter Wolf Challenge takes on a new look this year, incorporating snowshoes and archery. Challengers will cover a one-mile track on snowshoes, stopping three times to fire arrows at targets. Archery instruction will be offered before the event. Part of the course will be over the softball field, offering bleacher seating for spectators.

Numerous other events are included in the weekend, including a chili cookoff on Sunday, when Crawford County restaurants compete for bragging rights for the coming year.

Information about the Winter Wolf Festival is available by writing Hanson Hills at P.O. Box 361, Grayling, MI 49738. The phone number is 517-348-9266.

Details are also available on the calendar of events on the Grayling Home Page at <http://www.grayling-mi.com>.

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'Blizzard of 1997' impacts area

Blizzard conditions come from snow, strong winds

On Thursday, Dec. 16, a blizzard passed through much of northern Michigan.

Crawford County was one of the areas hit by the "Blizzard of 1997."

The blizzard, which is defined by visibility below one-quarter of a mile and wind gusts over 30 miles per hour, dropped less than one foot of snow on most areas, but some experienced 13 to 16 inches.

The area is frequently hit by conditions called blizzard-like by meteorologists. An actual blizzard does not happen very often, but Thursday's conditions were officially listed as a blizzard.

Temperatures continually dropped throughout Thursday across much of the northern Lower Peninsula. In fact, areas had a high of 19-24 degrees with lows reaching two to four degrees below zero.

However, the wind chill was between minus 30 to 40 below zero.

The blizzard forecast was changed to a winter storm warning once the high winds died down.

The blizzard was the major factor in a number of traffic accidents in



Crawford County. The Crawford County Sheriff Department responded

to 13 traffic accidents or vehicle in a ditch calls on Thursday.

The strong wind and snow on Friday and Saturday also led to many county accidents. Sheriff's deputies responded to eight incidents involving vehicles within Crawford County on Friday and Saturday.

The portion of I-75 which runs through Crawford County was closed for four to five hours on Thursday due to the conditions.

Sheriff David Lovely said I-75 was closed so emergency personnel could clean-up a stretch of numerous accident scenes.

There were white-out conditions, and one accident or stopped vehicle would lead to another accident, Lovely said. The drivers could not see the stopped cars or accident scenes, because of the weather conditions.

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Ausable Primary to hold open house, dedication ceremony

The new AuSable Primary School will be dedicated to the community during an open house, dedication ceremony to be held Monday, Jan. 27.

From 1 to 4 p.m. organized tours through the building will be held. Tour participants will be able to see students using the new buildings facilities.

For example, the computer network is up and running and residents will be able to see the types of computer programs utilized by the students.

From 6 to 9 p.m. residents can tour the new facility on their own by using a district-provided map of the building. People will be stationed in all areas of the building to answer any questions residents may have.

At 7 p.m. a formal dedication in the cafeteria will be held. Principal Barb Mick will be the master of ceremonies. The school song will be performed by AuSable Primary students.

The board of education will be introduced, with board president Lewis Madill making a speech.

Math, reading MEAP scores released

by Lisa Hofman
Staff Reporter

At Monday night's Crawford AuSable Schools Board of Education meeting, the Michigan Educational Assessment Program test results were announced.

The fourth grade district average in math was 52.4. The score was up over last year's 42.0. However, the district is still below the state average of 60.5.

In fourth grade reading the district scored 33.7. A significant rise over last year's 19.3, but still not above the state average of 49.0.

In grade seven, the math score was 58.4, below last year's 75.0, but still above the state average of 51.4.

The state average of 40.4 and last year's district average of 53.9 are way above this year's seventh grade reading score of 26.4.

lobby floor. Klein is a retired teacher and librarian.

Parking is available in the two AuSable Primary lots and in the two Grayling Elementary School lots. People parking in the GES lots may enter through the main GES entrance and follow signs through the building into the AuSable Primary.

Probationary period set for building inspector

Township looking to combine inspector, ordinance enforcement position

by Eric Gaertner
News Editor

The suspension status and contract review of the Grayling Township building inspector was taken up by the township board of trustees at its first meeting of 1997.

The Grayling Township board members made three significant decisions which involve the building inspector position at the Jan. 14 board meeting.

The board reinstated the current building inspector, Dennis Meyer, for a 90-day probationary period. Meyer's authority as township building inspector was suspended by Grayling Township Supervisor Terry Wright. Wright said Meyer's authority, not his contract, was suspended on Jan. 7.

The township board of trustees, Grayling Township Attorney Doug Dossen and Meyer went into closed session at the board meeting. The nearly one-hour, 15-minute closed session was used to discuss the specifics of the suspension and contract review, and because it was an executive session the reasoning for the suspension and contract review were not made public.

Following the closed session, Trustee John Medler made a motion to

reinstate Meyer for 90 days as a probationary period. Township Clerk Monica Ashton seconded the motion, saying that this will give the board time to investigate the questions which were brought up during the executive session.

The motion was approved, 4-1, with Medler, Ashton, Treasurer Ruth O'Mara and Trustee Melvin (Pat) Nunn supporting the motion. Wright did cast the lone "no" vote.

According to Wright, the current contract for the building inspector will be terminated following the 90-day period and replaced with an updated and revised contract.

The contract with a complete job description will be part of the April 8 Grayling Township board meeting. At that time the board will determine whether the new contract will be offered to the current building inspector or whether applications for a new inspector will be accepted.

Wright also proposed an ordinance enforcement officer position for Grayling Township. Following the talk of the new position, the board directed Wright to propose a combination of the building inspector and ordinance enforcement officer with a list of job descriptions.

The major item surrounding this push for an ordinance enforcement officer is to enforce the township trash ordinance for residences. According to Wright, during his first couple months as township supervisor, one of the biggest contacts with residents has come from trash complaints.

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Road budget approved

The Road Commission For Crawford County held its annual public hearing, prior to adopting a proposed budget for the 1997 year, and the financial outlook continues to look good.

The public hearing was held on Dec. 26 at the road commissioner's room in the road commission building in Grayling.

The proposed budget was presented by James Briney, managing director for the road commission. The three-member road commission board adopted the proposed budget for 1997, and finalized the amendments to the 1996 year-end budget.

The Road Commission For Crawford County continues to hold a fund balance, although the last two years have seen expenditures in excess of revenues.

The fund balance, after the 1996 budget year, dropped from \$1,453,107 to \$1,025,107, following an excess of more than \$400,000 of 1996 expenditures over revenues. The fund balance for 1997 took a smaller drop of \$224,000—the difference between the proposed budget expenditures and revenues for 1997.

The county road commission has made a number of changes during the last few years, which have helped the organization stay financially sound. This has not been the recent trend for most road commissions, as federal and state funds have been diverted from local road commissions causing financial strains.

A certified public accountant (CPA) has come up with some of the changes which have had, and will continue to have, a positive impact on the financial condition of the Road Commission For Crawford County.

According to Robert Carpenter, the CPA, the adoption of several policies and some new ways of conducting business have led to the positive impact.

One of the adopted policies is an item requiring certain percentages of participation for road projects. Another

plus, recently, is the contracts for the sale of brine, according to Carpenter.

The negotiated settlement with the union that grants increases, that will probably be less than the rate of inflation, during the term of the contract. According to the CPA, another plus has been the aggressive management for the prevention of litigation.

Some of the other changes mentioned in a letter from Carpenter include: The hiring of road-building contractors to build roads as opposed to the road commission crew; the auctioning off of old, unused equipment; and contracts for the sale of signs.

No toy intended for children under

HEALTHLINE

by Linda DeMarchis, M.A.

Question: My children were thrilled with all the Christmas gifts they received from relatives. However, some of these toys make me wonder if they're completely safe for my little ones to play with. How can I tell?

Signed: Anxious Mother of Three

Answer: Safety and durability is a major consideration when choosing appropriate toys. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission has set safety regulations that manufacturers must meet so that dangerous products are not produced and sold. Many toy manufacturers also comply with that industry's voluntary safety standards.

No toy intended for children under

eight years should have sharp glass or metal edges. Toys designed for children under three should not have small parts that can become lodged in a child's windpipe, ear or nose. These small parts include eyes on stuffed toys and removable squeakers. Toys that produce loud noises such as guns could damage a child's hearing. According to the law, these items should carry a warning not to fire closer than one foot from the ear. Any caps that could damage a child's hearing are banned. Toys that may have been given to your infant should not have cords longer than 12 inches which can wrap around a baby's neck. If a crib gym was one of your family gifts don't stretch it across a crib if the baby can pull up to its hands and knees. Some children have fallen across these and strangled.

Toys intended for children under eight should not have sharp points. Projectile toys such as arrows or darts should have soft cork tips or rubber suction cups. The toys that fire these objects should not be able to fire other objects that may be unsafe, such as pencils.

Although some toys may be safe for older children in the family, they should be kept out of the reach of younger siblings, such as balloons. More children have suffocated on uninflated balloons or balloon pieces than on any other type of toy.

Electric toys must meet mandatory safety requirements and should be used under adult supervision. Those with heating elements should only be used by children over eight.

Once toys meet these specifications, double check for labels such as "flame retardant/flame resistant" on cloth toys or "not recommended for children under three". Carefully discard the plastic that toys were in since this can become deadly. If your children use a toy box, make sure its lid will stay open in any position and as an added precaution check for ventilation holes. If your children are taught to put toys away properly, this will eliminate their risk as a tripping hazard.

To report an unsafe toy or product, consumers may call the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission's toll free hotline at 1-800-638-2772. Their booklet entitled *Which Toys for Which Child — A Consumer's Guide for Selecting Suitable Toys* is available by calling your local health department office and asking for the Health Education Department.

This information is presented as a public service to the community by District Health Department No. 1 which serves Wexford, Mecosta, Kalkaska and Crawford counties. Any questions should be sent to Health Educator, 401 Lake Street, Cadillac, MI 49601.

Road Commission for Crawford County has budget for 1996, 1997

Actual 1996 Proposed 1997 budget budget

	Revenues:	
MTF	\$1,735,000	\$1,735,000
Economic Dev. Fund	\$33,000	\$340,000
Federal Aid	\$178,000	\$108,000
Trunkline Maint.	\$735,000	\$730,000
Contributions	\$145,000	\$258,000
Other Revenue	\$105,000	\$65,000
Other Finan. Sources	\$132,000	0
Total Revenues	\$3,063,000	\$3,236,000

	Expenditures:	
Primary Road	\$825,000	\$825,000
Local Road	\$1,430,000	\$1,725,000
Trunkline Maint.	\$735,000	\$730,000
Equip. Expense (net)	-\$115,000	-\$165,000
Admin. Expense (net)	\$205,000	\$200,000
Capital Outlay (net)	\$190,000	-\$80,000
Debt Service	\$221,000	\$225,000
Total Expenditures	\$3,491,000	\$3,460,000

Local club leader achieves merit status

Pat Salyers, Grayling, was honored for outstanding leadership of young

people during 1996 as director of the local Modern Woodmen of America Junior Service Club.

Salyers led the group to merit status, an honor given by Modern Woodmen to recognize leaders of youth clubs for top-level performance.

Judging in the merit club contest is based on the quality and quantity of meetings, programs, and community-service activities held during the year.

Modern Woodmen of America's youth clubs are organizations for children who are members of Modern Woodmen and are 16 years of age or younger. The leaders are Modern Woodmen adult members. The clubs follow a fraternal youth program which provides children with opportunities to participate in social, civic, educational, and fraternal activities.

Modern Woodmen supports more than 800 tiny tot, junior, and teen service clubs throughout the United States. During 1996, 404 clubs attained merit-club status.

Modern Woodmen of America is a fraternal life insurance society headquartered in Rock Island, Ill., serving nearly three-quarters of a million members nationwide.

Conservation director to be elected Feb. 5

One position on the Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District Board of Directors will be filled in an election during the district's open house annual meeting Feb. 5.

The term of Direct Walt Neilson expires this year. Roscommon or Crawford County residents who wish to be candidates may call the district office at (517) 275-5231 by Jan. 31.

Voting by the public will take place during the open house from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Feb. 5 at the district office in Roscommon. Write-ins will be accepted. Ballots will be counted during a business meeting at 7 p.m. on Feb. 5.

How to talk so kids will listen

The MSU Extension/4-H will be holding a six-week workshop based on the book *How to Talk So Kids Will Listen*.

This six-week series will be held on Monday nights from 6:30 to 8 p.m. starting Jan. 27. They will be held at the Crawford County Courthouse downstairs in the 4-H meeting room.

Registration deadline is Jan. 23. The workshop size is limited to 12 individuals. To register or for more information, please contact the MSU Extension office at 348-2841 ext. 264.

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Adult entertainment being reviewed for ordinance

by Eric Gaertner
News Editor

The Grayling Township Board of Trustees are not responding to a specific case in reviewing a proposed nudity and adult entertainment ordinance, but rather a separate incident which occurred in another northern Michigan township.

The board members agreed at their Jan. 14 meeting to table the motion, so specific details concerning the ordinance and the affect it could have on current businesses could be examined. The item is scheduled to be considered at the February township board meeting.

The ordinance was proposed in direct response to the incident which occurred in Blair Township (near Traverse City), said Grayling Township Supervisor Terry Wright.

The Blair Township incident involved an adult bookstore coming into the township, and the township did not have any ordinances on the books to control it.

"Blair Township was hit with this problem," Wright said at the Jan. 14 meeting. "I think we should be proactive on the matter."

The ordinance has not been approved yet, but a draft of a possible ordinance was drawn up.

According to the draft, the purpose of the ordinance is to provide for the regulation, control, and prohibition of certain undesirable adult entertainment and certain displays and exhibitions of the human body near residential, recreational, planned and deferred development areas, special environment districts, and properties upon which

In other township business, the trustees agreed to send two township employees to assessor classes. By state law, a township the size of Grayling Township must have its tax assessment certified by a level two assessor.

The board approved a motion to send Wright to the 15-session classes in Gaylord in February to become a level one assessor. This will give the supervisor an understanding of the tax assessment roll and process.

The board also approved the motion to pay for Curt Marshall, a township employee and current level one assessor, to take level two classes in the summer. The tax assessment currently is being certified by the county until the township has a level two assessor.

In other board action, Kenneth Riehle and Robert McLachlan Jr. were reappointed to serve on the board of review.

Lehman hired as GRA program coordinator

by Lisa Hoffman
Staff Reporter

Jim Lehman was recently hired as the Grayling Recreational Authority (GRA) program coordinator. He began working Jan. 6.

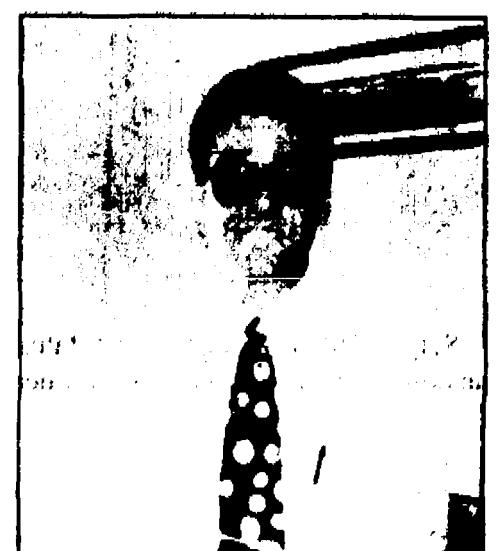
Lehman, a Grayling resident since 1990, has been a long-time volunteer for GRA.

"He has a lot of energy, time and good ideas to maintain and increase the sports programs we have available," Cindy Olson, Hanson Hills director said.

Lehman currently has a seventh and eighth grade girls basketball program, a floor hockey program and adult aerobics/Jazzercise class in the works.

Also being looked into is a week-long camping program for this spring.

Lehman is looking for persons interested in becoming involved in a program committee, as well as volunteers and donations to fix up the Hanson Hills Activity Center gymnasium.



MERCY HOSPITAL BIRTHS

David and Kelly Fyan of Roscommon, announce the arrival of Samantha Leigh, born Jan. 8, 1997.

Curtis Jeziorski and Jeanette Thomas of Grayling, announce the arrival of Noah James Jeziorski, born Jan. 10, 1997.

Lehman is married to Shari, a GRA volunteer, and has two children Jennifer, 13, and Alan, 8.

EMTs of the Year announced

by Mary Jo Conway
Mercy Hospital

Our area is blessed with very competent emergency medical services (EMS) providers, many whom volunteer their time to assist you when needed. Each year, the EMS providers select an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) of the Year to recognize superior efforts.

The awards are presented annually by the North Central Medical Control Board. The board is under the direction of Dr. Alan Bersted, Mercy Hospital and Dr. Donald Willman, Tolfree Memorial Hospital.

Their focus is the coordination of care prior to arrival in the hospital's emergency department.

The following individuals were

recently named EMTs of the Year: Robin Cox, Frederic Township Ambulance; Rita Gierl, Northflight EMS; Jamie Long and Gordon Long, Lewiston Ambulance; Russ Blossom, Ogemaw County Ambulance; Dean Spear, Richfield Township Ambulance; Debra Stern, Denton Township Ambulance; and Harold Conner Jr., Gerrish Township Ambulance.

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OPINIONS

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Richard Milliman



What a way to start off new Congress

POLITICAL TURMOIL must serve some kind of hidden purpose.

Otherwise there wouldn't be nearly as much as there is.

The scenario for how the new Congress has begun could have been written by an aspiring novelist ... and not a very good one at that.

The U.S. House elected Newt Gingrich as Speaker again — but at what a price.

Opposition Democrats continue to stir the anti-Gingrich cauldron; loyalists led by Michigan's Rep. David Bonior keep up efforts to nail Mr. Gingrich. The eventual cost of this steady tattoo is hard to figure.

At the other end of Pennsylvania Ave., President Bill Clinton readies his second administration, with one eye cocked on the Supreme Court and a sexual harassment charge, and the other on various special counsels stirring into financial and political dealings.

What a way to run a government. Is it any wonder people get fed up with politics, and that our brightest and best minds tend to steer clear of personal involvement?

TAKE A GOOD look at the

continuing Gingrich saga in the House. Neither Republicans nor Democrats really wanted to work out a compromise for the good of the country.

Both flexed political muscles, and refused to budge.

How's that figured?

Well, if Republicans had wanted a productive settlement of whether Mr. Gingrich should serve another term,

why didn't they delay selection of the Speaker until all the cards had been played? They could have used their majority to fill the job temporarily,

with a full-scaled election after the Ethics Committee had reported. Instead, they counted votes and bulled on through.

And if the Democrats had wanted a productive settlement, why did they nominate their leader, Rep. Dick Gephardt, for Speaker? Did they really expect unhappy Republicans to vote for Mr. Gephardt, and turn the House over to Democrats? Why didn't Democratic leaders sit down with dissident Republicans and work out a compromise? Instead, they bulled their way through, too.

As it was, nine Republicans declined to vote for Mr. Gingrich, but they didn't vote for Mr. Gephardt, either.

Had there been another alternative, other reluctant Republicans may have moved to the center.

CREDIT MICHIGAN'S Rep. Bart Stupak, Menominee Democrat, with an idea which should have received more serious consideration than it did.

Rules don't require the Speaker to be a House member, so why not look elsewhere?

"The Speaker should be a person of stature ... an acknowledged leader ... whose word is his bond ... whom the American public can (accept) as qualified for the third highest position in the land," Mr. Stupak reasoned.

He suggested Sen. Bob Dole. Other names pop into mind, too ... Colin Powell, Jack Kemp, Jimmy Carter.

Mr. Stupak's idea fell with a thud under the Capitol dome, but it could have provided a reasonable exit from a complex political quandary ... that is, if either side in the House really wanted to settle the matter in a way to benefit the country.

Instead they chose the usual way — the partisan way — the way where the side with the most votes wins, regardless of what is right and what is best for the people.

ONCE ELECTED, Mr. Gingrich attempted to sound statesmanlike.

"Let me say to the entire House," Mr. Gingrich said, "that two years ago, when I became the first Republican speaker in 40 years, to the degree I was too brash, too self-confident, or too pushy, I apologize.

"To whatever degree, in any way that I brought controversy or inappropriate attention to the House, I apologize. It is my intention to do everything I can to work with every member of this Congress."

Encouraging words, but political history — including this year's start of the political new year — indicates that at least for those nine Republicans who voted against him, likely there is more accuracy in the paraphrase suggested by New York Times columnist Maureen Dowd:

"I look forward to working with you after you find your way to your new assignment on the catfish caucus on the fisheries oversight subcommittee, you pathetic bottom feeders."

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

VIEWPOINT

by The Board of Road Commissioners For The County of Crawford

Why we don't do parking lots

With the help and effort of many individuals and institutions at the local, state and federal level, a great amount of work has been completed. Significantly higher levels of road and bridge construction have been accomplished. Numerous road stream crossing projects have been completed. More potholes have been filled. More miles of road have been repaired. Facilities have been upgraded. Equipment has been maintained, repaired or replaced. The workforce remains intact.

Injuries to our crew, resulting in lost time, have been reduced through ongoing training and positive enforcement safety incentive program. We have worked well and successfully with local officials and will make the attempt to do so with those newly elected. Our finances are in good shape. Most importantly, we are better able to provide the basic services you rely on every day, in every season, including proper sign and information maintenance as well as centerline painting and edge striping.

These are but some of the things your Road Commission is responsible for and accomplishes throughout the year. One of the factors contributing to this success is that we do not spend money we do not have. We concentrate on providing a high level of routine maintenance. We participate in the cost and labor for heavy maintenance activities and we work cooperatively to create opportunities for new projects; working closely with the private sector and other public entities.

Another factor that contributes to our success in providing service, is that we operate within the statutes defining road law. For example, it constitutes an unlawful expenditure of public funds to maintain roads not in our jurisdiction. That is why we do not do private roads. That is why we are out plowing 103 miles of state trunkline and working on our hundreds of miles of primary and local roads, instead of doing parking lots.

The Road Commission For Crawford County is not a department of county government. The County Courthouse parking lot is not within the jurisdiction of the Road Commission. Your Road Commission receives no public funds to maintain it. And, we suspect you would be outraged if you, or a loved one, were involved in a serious injury accident, or even a fender-bender, while the

truck driver responsible for the public route you drove was off taking care of a parking lot.

For three winters now, the Road Commission has been expected to plow ~~or salt or sand numerous areas we are prohibited from doing by law~~. Likewise, we have been asked to provide materials and labor in situations outside our jurisdiction ranging from preparing access to a ball field, plowing airport runways, putting employees on overtime to assist with public events and taking care of parking lots and sidewalks.

On the face of it, many of these requests may sound reasonable, especially to the volunteer committee or service club member who is overwhelmed with responsibility and strapped for cash. Unfortunately, such requests often sound just fine to public officials who have no investment in

the outcome.

We have accomplished a lot here. Maintenance and construction are up, equipment upgraded, facilities added, the bottom line in good shape and the health and safety of the workforce improving. This Road Commission is providing all the services you pay for.

For this level of service to continue, the Road Commission Board will have to work well together and continue to work within the law and within the funding you provide as taxpayers. Just as we must operate to your satisfaction, providing the services we have a duty to maintain, so too must others.

If the county wants their parking lot maintained, they must budget for that and contract with the private sector to plow, sand, salt and patch. This is easily done in Northern Michigan, since so many citizens drive trucks with plows in the winter.

Ray Swiercz, Chairman

Bill Gannon, Vice-Chairman

Bob Nelson, Member

we fail to continue that service. "You sanded the lot last time it was icy, we not this time?"

Far more often than not, we work successfully to figure out how best to accomplish together what has become a struggle to accomplish alone. But leave this parking lot service to others. Your Road Commission has other things to do with the finite resources for use on your roads and bridges. Besides, private sector competition to maintain the Courthouse parking lot will ensure service on demand at a reasonable cost. Or, a small investment for a mini-sander will guarantee service on demand.

Let's put this issue behind us before the winter of 1997-98.

Changes made on Avalanche editorial page

This is the last week of the Jim Fitzgerald column and the beginning of a new local column in The Avalanche.

The Avalanche editorial page has featured the Fitzgerald for quite some time, but Fitzgerald has officially retired from the business.

To fill the void in its editorial page, The Avalanche has scheduled a rotating column written by some local public officials and other prominent people in the area.

The column will rotate among these writers on a week-to-week basis.

The "Viewpoint" from the Board of Road Commissioners from Crawford County in this issue is the first in the series.

JIM FITZGERALD

Gift won't fly in rest room

It was around the turn of the century when the granddaughters, trying to update Grandpa's old-fashioned wardrobe, gave him a sweat suit.

More precisely, it was last month, and I'm the unfashionable grandfather.

Last month? Sure. All my life, whenever I heard someone say something happened "around the turn of the century," I knew they meant roughly between 1890 and 1910. But we're turning another century in only three years, by cracky, and the time has come to ask: "Which turn?"

Which I mention only because I don't want you to stop reading this column and start reading the calendar.

Anyway, until near the upcoming turn of the century, I never owned a sweat suit. Which made good sense, because I never sweat. I figured buying a sweat suit would be as dumb as buying a special outfit to wear to the dentist.

To me, sweat suits look like pajamas. I never wear pajamas or anything else to bed because I don't want to be caught in a bind. Unless I'm an overnight house guest, in which case my wife insists I wear pajamas so as not to damage my exalted dignified journalistic image in the eyes of our hosts. When I wake up whimpering in a guest room, and my wife asks why, I say I'm bound for glory.

Embarrassing drop

My two youngest granddaughters,

however, decided a sweat suit would be the appropriate up-to-date costume for my favorite pastime, which is sitting in my favorite chair. I couldn't deny that a sweat suit is more modern than the khaki pants I usually wear to match my WWII Army underwear. So I said a sincere thank-you when the girls gave me a blue two-piece sweat suit for my birthday.

I wasn't even put off when I noticed that, to double the incongruity of me in a sweat suit, there is a "USA Olympic" insignia, including entwined ovals, on both the shirt and pants. I figured if Michael Jordan could play basketball in the Olympics without damaging the games' amateur image, the fringe involvement of a professional sitter would be acceptable.

But when JC Penney calls seeking my endorsement, I'm afraid I'll have to make a strong complaint. There are no pockets in my sweat suit.

No pockets in the shirt. Where, where am I supposed to put my Tums, urgent notes and plastic toothpick?

And no pockets in the pants. When I wear my sweat suit to the mall, or to a tavern, like all the cool young guys do, where am I supposed to carry my wallet, handkerchief and comb?

But that's not the worst. The worst is there is no fly in my sweat suit. To safely use a wall urinal, I must drop my pants below my knees. That's ridiculous, not to mention embarrassing.

Convenient relief

I recently wrote about the unusual urinal in the Hommes room in Detroit's Tres Vite restaurant — a grated gutter in the floor. Reader response included my wife's disgust and, from Herman Koss of Warren, a postcard picturing the two-purpose mahogany bar in the M&J Saloon in Seattle, circa 1905.

Formerly posed behind the long men-only bar are the bartenders and, in front, there are customers standing with one foot propped on the brass foot rail. On the floor just in front and beneath the rail is the urinal.

M&J patrons never had to worry about getting lost walking back and forth to the john.

Fortunately, the M&J Saloon did business around the last turn of the century, when customers wore traditional trousers. What if it were this turn, and cool customers wore sweat suits like mine?

With my pants down to my ankles, I wouldn't ask the bartender or anyone else for a splash.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Writer questions non-married parents

To the editor:

I, my name being Bob Wininger, and I live here in Grayling and have for some 28 years, am having a problem with current events and am wondering if it's me or the world as it now exists?

I see in the local paper many times that people are proud to announce the birth of a son or a daughter, but they are not proud enough to be married.

I know that in my time these things happened, but I also know that while the families on both sides did all they could to be of help and understand, they did not summon a brass band and put pictures in the paper to tell of the birth of an illegitimate child.

Please tell me where I have become so out of touch with reality.

Bob Wininger

Community is losing, big time

To the editor:

I was glad to see Whitey Madsen's thoughts on how much we are losing with only one major grocery store.

I shop in Houghton Lake, Kalkaska

and Gaylord. Can't believe how many Grayling people I see. Yes, the community is losing, big time.

Mary Ellen Metiva

Recognition should extend to others

To the editor:

I was disappointed when I read your article on the people honored at the rest area shoot out. None of the people who actually treated the police officers were even mentioned.

I know that personally I am very proud of my own sons who reacted to the officers' plea of help over our scanner. With the help of our neighbor, they answered the call even though

Donna Pratt, Frederic

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

4-H Horse Club to hold meeting

There will be a meeting for youth, third grade and older, and their parents, who are interested in joining a 4-H Horse Club. It will be Monday, Jan. 27 at 7 p.m. at the 4-H office in the basement of the Crawford County Courthouse.

Adrian dean's list announced

The fall semester dean's list for Adrian College was recently named. Brooke I. Blaauw, a freshman from Grayling planning a major in psychology made the dean's list. Blaauw is a 1996 graduate of Grayling High School and the daughter of Ted and Mary Kay Blaauw.

Archery club has openings

There are still openings in the 4-H Archery Club, for youth ages eight and above. Classes are currently available for beginners on Sundays, Mondays and Wednesdays and last for eight weeks. Enroll by calling 348-2844, ext. 264.

College financing hotline available

Beginning Monday, Jan. 20 and lasting through Jan. 24 a toll-free hotline will be available for questions concerning the financing of college. The phones will be answered by representatives who are members of the Michigan Student Financial Aid Association. They can answer financial aid questions as well as specific questions about completing a financial aid application. The scheduled times for Monday through Thursday are 2 to 7 p.m. On Friday the phones will be open from noon to 5 p.m. The hotline number is 1-800-253-0023.

Europe's small wonders cancelled

On Thursday, Feb. 6, the Crawford AuSable Community Education Program will present its fourth program of the Travel and Adventure Film Series at 7:30 p.m. in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium at Grayling High School. The countries of Andorra, Luxembourg and Liechtenstein will be highlighted in the program. For the first time in over 20 years the travel program was cancelled due to inclement weather on Thursday, Jan. 16.

Frederic resident makes dean's list

Angela Marie Mertes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Mertes of Frederic, was named to the dean's list at Pensacola Christian College, Pensacola, Fla. Mertes earned a B average or higher to make the dean's list.

Macombers to present program

On Saturday, Jan. 25, the Crawford AuSable Community Education Command Performance Series will continue when the Macombers, a 20 member vocal and instrumental ensemble, will perform at the Grayling Holiday Inn. Doors will open at 6 p.m. with dinner served at 6:30 p.m.

Part-time students earn academic honors

Part-time students, Patricia J. Bonacic and Dawn M. Smith, both Grayling residents and sophomores at Madonna University majoring in social work were named to the academic achievement list for the fall term at Madonna University.

Rotary announces calendar winners

The Rotary winners for December were Bob Pacella (\$50), Monte Mosher (\$50), Gilbert Malm (\$50) and Sandra Shellfish (\$100).

Sands named to dean's list

Kenneth John Sands, Grayling, was named to the fall semester dean's list at Western Michigan University. Sands, an anthropology major, had at least a 3.5 grade point average to earn the honor.

Winner for Lions Club announced

The Lion's Lucky 13 winner No. 8 was Mike McNamara. He won \$100.

Grayling builder has license revoked

According to the latest disciplinary action report of the Department of Consumer and Industry Services, a Grayling builder had his license revoked and has been required to pay fines and restitution due to poor workmanship on two projects.

The builder, Larry M. Beaman, contracted with a homeowner in Oct. 1993 for concrete work.

In Dec. 1994, the homeowner and Beaman had a case entered in 83rd District Court after a building inspector found that cracks of sufficient size and/or depth in the concrete were a direct result of Beaman having poured the concrete improperly.

The court found for the homeowner and required that Beaman pay the homeowner \$1,801.

However, Beaman did not pay the homeowner so the homeowner filed a complaint with the Department of Consumer and Industry Services in Feb. 1995.

For his poor workmanship Beaman was fined \$3,000. The failure to correct the homeowner's complaint within a reasonable time netted the district court case. The failure to adhere to standards of construction resulted in

When the emergency dept. should be entered

by Mary Jo Conway
Mercy Hospital

It's not always easy to know when you should visit an emergency department. And when you're faced with a sudden illness or injury, the confusion of the moment can make the decision even more difficult. A little advance planning can help you learn to recognize a true emergency.

To help you decide when you need to go to an emergency department, the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) has compiled the following list of warning signs. Take a few minutes now to study the list -- before an emergency happens.

- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath.
- Chest or upper abdominal pain or pressure.
- Fainting.
- Sudden dizziness, weakness or change in vision.
- Confusion or change in mental status.

- Any sudden, severe pain.
- Bleeding that won't stop.
- Severe or persistent vomiting.
- Coughing up or vomiting blood.
- Suicidal or homicidal feelings.

You may want to review this list with your doctor. Ask if there are other symptoms you should add to it based on your existing medical conditions.

Once you know how to recognize an emergency, the next question to consider is whether to drive to the emergency department or call an ambulance. It might help to think of an ambulance not merely as transportation but as an emergency department on wheels. The following questions from the ACEP can help with your decision:

- Is the person's condition life-threatening?
- Could the patient's condition worsen and become life-threatening on the way to the hospital?
- Could moving the individual cause further injury?

Does the person require the skills or equipment of emergency response personnel?

- Could distance or inclement weather cause a delay in getting to the hospital?

If you answer yes to any of these questions, you should call an ambulance. Dial 911 if it's available in your area, otherwise, call your local emergency medical services number. You should always know the local emergency medical services number, especially when traveling.

It's important to understand what kind of emergency coverage your insurance plan or HMO provides. These are not things you want to find out at the last minute. You can save a lot of heartache and headache by planning ahead.

The ACEP suggests that you find answers to the following questions from your insurance company or your

Snowmobiles in accidents

Last week's run of cold temperatures, strong winds and blowing snow led to a number of accidents in Crawford County.

The Crawford County Sheriff Department deputies were called to and investigated numerous traffic accidents. According to Crawford County Sheriff David Lovely, a lot of them centered around problems with snowmobiles.

Most of the accidents in the county involving vehicles and snowmobiles resulted in either none or minor injuries. One snowmobile accident involving a truck did result in a severe injury.

The name of the snowmobile operator who was involved was not available as of press time. According to Lovely, the injury to the snowmobile driver's leg was pretty seriously injured in the accident.

The accident occurred on Saturday, Jan. 18 along M-72 West. Deputies were called to the scene at 11:37 a.m.

The accident occurred when the snowmobile was traveling on a bank of snow next to M-72. The machine slide off the bank and into the line of M-72 traffic. The snowmobile was struck by a truck, which was unable to avoid the accident because the other lane was occupied by another vehicle.

The injured snowmobile operator was transported to Mercy Hospital.

employer's benefit department:

Do you have to call for permission before going to an emergency department? Can you use the nearest emergency department, or do you have to go only to participating hospitals?

Will the emergency physician have to call your plan for authorization before treating you? How does your plan define an emergency?

Does your plan pay only if you are diagnosed with an emergency condition, or will it pay if you had symptoms you perceived as an emergency? Check to see if there is an approved list of emergency conditions.

Is there a separate deductible or copayment for emergency visits? If you are admitted to a nonparticipating hospital for an emergency, will you have to be transferred later?

Is your primary care physician available evenings or weekends to treat minor conditions? Are there arrangements for after-hours care?

Remember: Although insurance plans can sometimes deny payment for emergency care, you can't be denied treatment for a true emergency because of lack of insurance or an inability to pay. If your plan denies payment of a claim for a true emergency, find out if there's an appeals process you can follow to have the claim reviewed.

No one likes to think they'll need emergency care, but almost one in three Americans visited an emergency department in 1993, according to the most recent survey from the National Center for Health Statistics.

You can reduce your likelihood of needing emergency care by practicing the following prevention tips, according to the ACEP:

- Wear your seat belt.
- Never drink and drive.
- Eat sensibly.
- Exercise regularly.

- Make sure your family has a regular doctor for routine and preventive care.
- Learn the emergency warning signs listed above and know how to access a hospital's emergency department.

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Projected Weekend Ski Conditions

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Cross Country Ski Headquarters - Higgins Lake

Average Base: Ten inches. Surface Conditions: Excellent, freshly groomed, eight trails open. Deep track set, Snow Cat combed. Hours: Open Friday & Saturday, 9 am to 9 pm; Sunday through Thursday, 10 am to 6 pm. Lighted trail open Friday & Saturday, dusk till 9 pm. (517) 821-6661. Special Note: Serving hot chocolate and hot dogs on Saturdays in the Trapper's Cabin. Visit our web site www.x-country-ski.com

Cross Country Ski Shop - Grayling

Average Base: Seven-inch packed base. Surface Conditions: Excellent conditions, 2.5 miles open. Tidd Tech groomed, double track set, 12 ft. wide skating lane, 8/10 mile lighted loop open. No trail fee. Store Hours: Open seven days a week, 10 am to 6 pm. Ski equipment and snowshoe rental available. (517) 348-8558

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THURS. 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •AP/GE FAMILY Involvement Night, 6:30-7:30 pm. •WRESTLING vs. Kalkaska, home, 6 pm. •FRESH BBB vs. Rogers City, away, 7 pm. •TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) @ Mercy Hospital Riverside Room, 5 pm. Call 275-9918 for more information. •MINIMAL FEE BLOOD PRESSURE screens & Blood Sugar screenings 11 am-12 noon @ Commission on Aging. •SOUL SURVIVORS Suicide Survivors support group @ Mercy Hospital gallery room, 6:30 pm.. Call 348-1169 or 348-2236 for more information.
FRI. 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •BBB vs. Rogers City, home, 6 pm.
SAT. 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •JV VB vs. Kalkaska, away, 8:15 am. •HS FORENSICS Novice Invitational @ Chesaning. •WRESTLING at Gaylord, 8:15 am. •COMMUNITY ED. DINNER THEATER "Macombers" @ Grayling Holiday Inn, 6:30 pm.
SUN. 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •ATTEND THE CHURCH of your choice today.
MON. 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •SURVIVORS OF INCEST & Sexual Abuse meeting @ New Life Community Services. 7-8:30 pm. Call 348-2544 for more information. •VB vs. Kalkaska, away, 7 pm. •FRESH BB vs. Kalkaska, away, 7 pm. •IMMUNIZATION CLINIC @ health department. •KIWANIS CLUB MEETING @ Iron Gate Restaurant, 12 noon.
TUES. 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •BBB vs. Kalkaska, home, 6 pm. •ABCs OF PARENTING CLASS @ AuSable Primary, 9:30-11 am. •IMMUNIZATION CLINIC @ health department.
WED. 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •MS BBB vs. Kalkaska, 7th home, 8th away, 5 pm. •VB @ East Jordan, 6 pm. •WIC SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM for pregnant women, infants and children @ health department. •WEIGHT WATCHER'S meeting @ St. Francis Episcopal Church on M-72 W.; weigh-in 4:45 pm; meeting 5:30 pm. For more information call Sandy @ 348-5321.



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From the Calvary Baptist Church

25 Years in Grayling

In January of 1972, my wife, three sons and I moved to Grayling. The people of Calvary Baptist Church of Grayling had voted unanimously to confirm God's call for me to become their pastor. Some of you remember when the church was located at 808 Chestnut Street. The people had a vision of growth and had already purchased property on M-72 west before we came. With God's blessings and much hard work, the new church building was finished and we began worship here in 1974. Finally, we had facilities which would allow us to begin new ministries the Lord had laid upon our hearts.

We had room for an AWANA circle where excited children from our church and community could meet together each week, play games, earn merits and advance in their clubs. But most important, they could memorize

scripture, learn to know Jesus Christ as their God, and grow in spiritual wisdom.

In 1976, God enabled us to start a Christian Day School. Calvary Baptist Academy is today one of the oldest Christian schools in Michigan utilizing the Accelerated Christian Education program and curriculum. God has blessed us with many graduates going on to college and succeeding in various fields of endeavor. However, our primary emphasis is not teaching youth how to make a living, but teaching youth how to live. We strive to teach them the basic Bible values which promote love and loyalty to God, family, neighbor, and country.

God has blessed us with outreach ministries into our community. This column in the Avalanche completes 24 years this month. (About 1,248 articles.) We email Source of Light Bible

correspondence courses free to anyone making a request. We have a team ministering to shut-ins in the Meadows. We have teams ministering weekly to those incarcerated at Camp Shawano, Camp Lehman, and the county jail.

There are many hurting, lonely people who need to know the love of Jesus Christ. Happiness is reaching people with God's Word and sharing our fellowship in Christ. (1 John 1:3) If you are not raising your family in a Bible-believing church, we encourage you not to forsake the blessings of God's house. (Hebrews 10:25)

Pastor "B"

"The Bible Speaks" is paid for by concerned Christians who support Grayling Calvary Baptist Church and who assume full responsibility for its content.

History book of Catholic Diocese planned

In observance of the 25th Anniversary, a task-force committee consisting of clergy, pastoral center staff and lay media professionals was formed last year to begin work on a historical record of the Church in the Diocese of Gaylord.

The Catholic Diocese of Gaylord includes St. Mary's in Grayling.

The planned publication, when completed, will chronicle the development of the diocese and document the impact of the Catholic Church in Michigan's northern lower peninsula. The format will be designed as an anthology of stories about the diocese's long and rich heritage and will feature the personal stories and profiles of the many men and women who played major leadership roles during the early formation of the diocese.

Included will be their recollections of the important events that helped shape the Church in the 21 counties of Michigan's lower peninsula. Additionally, the book will feature photographs and other historically significant images chosen from diocesan, parish and private archives to further enhance the content of the stories.

Committee members are requesting assistance from the parishes and from anyone willing to help as they continue their work of compiling this historical record.

"We will safeguard all materials submitted and ensure proper return if requested," Fr. Pat Cawley said. "Brief histories of each parish in the diocese will be included in an appendix together with an index containing all proper names featured in the text."

The deadline for anyone interested in submitting items for the project is April 1. Articles and other relevant information may be sent to the attention of:

History Committee c/o Diocese of Gaylord, 1665 Highway M-32 West, Gaylord, Michigan 49735; or to Rev. Gerald Micketti, Pastor of St. Patrick Catholic Church, 630 Silver Lake Road, South, Traverse City, Michigan 49684-8526.

Because of space limitations, the committee will assume the responsibility of selecting, editing and preserving all contributions to the anthology as part of the history of the Diocese of Gaylord. Publication date and ordering information will be announced at a later date.

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Mr. and Mrs. David Pratt



ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED — Jerry Gildner, son of Jerry and Rose Gildner of Grayling, has asked Aurora Brightman, daughter of Charles and Theresa Brightman of Gaylord, to be his wife. They are currently planning a July 24th wedding.

Pratt, Matelski wed in afternoon rite

Jodie Matelski became the bride of David Pratt at 1:30 p.m. on Dec. 20, 1996 in a family ceremony in Gaylord. Jodie is a 1995 graduate of Vanderbilt and the daughter of Tom and Marcia Matelski of Vanderbilt. She is employed by Johnson Oil Company in Gaylord.

David is a 1991 graduate of the

Crawford AuSable High School and the son of Ben and Donna Pratt of Frederic. David is employed as a specialist by the Otsego County Ambulance Service.

The couple has purchased a home on Sherman Road and hope to move in later this month.

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Hypothermia can be a serious problem

As bone-chilling temperatures sweep down on Michigan residents, should be alert to hypothermia, a potentially dangerous condition caused by a steep drop in body temperature.

"The condition occurs when body temperature drops to 95 degrees Fahrenheit," said Dexter Shurney, M.D., corporate medical director for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan. "Seniors are especially susceptible because their bodies are less able to resist and react to cold temperatures."

Many medications that seniors take also can make them more susceptible to the cold.

Symptoms of hypothermia may vary. The victim may become drowsy or confused, as if intoxicated. Hands, feet and abdomen may become cold. Trembling may occur in one limb or one side of the body. Blood pressure may fall, or the victim's heartbeat may slow or become irregular. Breathing may become slow and shallow.

One way to detect hypothermia is to take the person's temperature. To get an accurate reading from an oral thermometer, it should be shaken down to at least 95 degrees Fahrenheit. A faulty reading may result if this is not done.

For example, if a thermometer that reads 98 degrees is placed in the mouth of a person with a temperature of 95,

the thermometer will still register 98.

A physician should be called immediately if hypothermia is suspected. Death is likely if the victim's body temperature drops too far below normal, especially for an older person. Between 80 and 90 degrees, the chances for recovery are better, but some type of lasting damage is possible.

While waiting for help, the victim should be protected from the cold and passively rewarmed by, for example, applying mild heat to the torso — a blanket, or a hot water bottle filled with warm, not hot, water. Aggressive rewarming should only be performed by a medical expert to avoid complications. Rewarming that is done too quickly can put an individual into shock.

Everyone should avoid extended exposure to cold temperatures. The elderly should dress warmly, maintain adequate heat in their homes and keep plenty of blankets on the bed. A hat or cap is a good idea, indoors or out, because about 40 percent of the body's heat loss is from the head.

Persons on medication should check with their doctor to find out whether prescription drugs could interfere with the body's ability to feel cold.

Kent and Missy Cotton of Midland visited Ann Hamlin over New Years.

Family at the Ann Hamlin's for Christmas were: Richard and Marcie Smith, Mark and Mary Smith and boys, Jim and Janice Smith, Curt and Robyn Itherback and boys, the Marc Smith family all of Mt. Pleasant, Heather Smith of Lansing, Scott and Shelly Hamlin and boys of Lake, Emily Weaver of Eagle River, Alaska, Dean and Lori Smith and girls, Paul and Beth Hamlin and family, Bob and Evie Stephan and Berta Sawyer.

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LOCALS LEAVE — Three long-time Grayling residents are part of the Camp Grayling unit which was sent to Europe on a peace-keeping mission. Crawford County Chairman Bruce Bretzke, right, wishes the three good luck. The three residents are, from left, Chopper Steffes, Kim Halstead and Paul Smith.

Area law offers tip line

Persons who have information about criminal activity in Crawford County, but do not want to give their identity, now have a way to still provide information to law enforcement personnel.

The Crawford County Sheriff Department is reinstating a tip line. The department had offered a tip line about six or seven years ago, but have not had one since.

The tip line will allow residents to leave a recorded message for deputies, providing tips on any criminal activity or other information. The call can be confidential or the person can leave his/her phone number.

The new tip line can be reached by calling the sheriff department at (517) 348-4616. A recorded message will follow, then the caller should dial extension 425. The caller is transferred to the voice-mail recording.

Crawford County Sheriff David Lovely said the tip line is needed.

Some people may be afraid to talk with an officer or leave their name, Lovely said. This gives these people a chance to supply the department with information on criminal activity.

RANGE FIRING

Range firing will be conducted at Camp Grayling during the period Jan. 23 through Jan. 29.

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground located north of County Road 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Road 618, and west of County Road P97 (Twin Bridge Rd.) Firing will begin on Jan. 23 through Jan. 26, and also Jan. 28 through Jan. 29.

For further information, call (517) 348-3700 or 1-800-628-5820.

KCC student from Grayling is nominee

Two students, Deborah A. Choszoyk, from Grayling, and Jimmy W. Curtis, from Houghton Lake, have been selected to represent Kirtland Community College as nominees for the Community and Junior College All-USA Academic Team.

The two were notified Dec. 12 by Cary Vajda, dean of Student Services, of the selection committee's decision. The program is sponsored by USA Today, American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) and Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society.

Nominations of students from community colleges throughout the nation will be scored by independent judges who will select a 20-member first team and another 40 members to comprise 20-member second and third teams. In addition to commemorative awards, each member of the first team will receive a \$2,500 cash award, attendance at the national AACC Annual Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, April 13-14 and be featured in the April 14 issue of USA Today. All Michigan community college nominees will be recognized at a special meeting of the Michigan Community College Association in May in Lansing.

According to Vajda, both Deborah and Jimmy have had to meet stringent eligibility criteria and application procedures, including the completion of a lengthy nomination and eligibility form, a biographical questionnaire, submission of evidence of academic

and community achievement, securing of letters of recommendation, and the writing of a 500-word essay.

Letters will be mailed on Feb. 24 to all nominees notifying them whether or not they have been selected for the first, second or third team.

For further information, call (517) 348-3700 or 1-800-628-5820.

Candidacy announced for Rep. Allen Lowe's seat

for the Michigan State House of Representatives in 1998.

Elk Rapids Council Member Daniel Reszka announced his candidacy as a Republican for the 105th District State Representative seat. A candidate committee of supporters has been formally organized.

The state representative position is of interest to Crawford County residents, since the position is currently held by a Grayling resident.

The seat, now held by Rep. Allen Lowe (R-Grayling), serves Alcona, Antrim, Crawford, Kalkaska, Montmorency, Oscoda and Otsego counties.

Because of term-limit requirements, Lowe can not return as a candidate for this House seat in the 1998 election. These requirements have convinced Reszka that an early declaration is essential.

"I realize that there are several good citizens considering the possibility of succeeding Representative Lowe in providing outstanding service of this large geographic district," Reszka said.

"By beginning this early, grass-roots effort, it is my intention to earn the respect and confidence of the voters of the 105th," he said. "I hope to persuade other potential candidates that I can represent their concerns and the concerns of their supporters."

Reszka, 45, has been married to Patricia Curran for 17 years and is a Michigan State University graduate in psychology. He owns and manages residential rental properties and is a licensed builder.

The candidate has served as a Elk Rapids Village Council member, Elk Rapids Planning Commission member, Zoning Board of Appeals member and Housing Commission member. He also is a member of the Antrim County Republican Committee, Elk Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce, New Designs for Growth and the Michigan Municipal League, Legislative and Urban Affairs Committee.

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Environmental case to be continued in March

A scheduling conference in the case involving charges related to improper hazardous waste disposal was held recently, but another conference will have to be held.

Attorneys for the defendants and the government met at the conference to discuss the specifics of the case.

Stephen Lord, 45, of Grand Blanc; Martin Stevenson, 41, of Prudenville; Robert M. Adams, 44, of Houghton Lake Heights; and Donald Lownsbury, 45, of Grayling are the defendants in the case.

The four Michigan residents are charged with conspiracy to dispose of hazardous waste without a permit and one count of knowingly disposing of hazardous waste without a permit. Stevenson also was charged with one count of falsely representing on a manifest that a dumpster of waste contained hydraulic oil when he knew that it actually contained methyl ethyl ketone (MEK), a hazardous waste.

If convicted, each charge could result in prison terms of up to five years and maximum fines of \$250,000.

The charges stem from a 1993 incident. According to the grand jury

indictment, on approximately May 11, 1993, a dumpster load of waste containing MEK was improperly disposed of in a landfill not authorized to receive hazardous waste. The waste was generated by Lakeside Stamping which was a painting operation near West Branch.

The four defendants were arraigned before Federal Magistrate Judge Charles Binder in Bay City on Jan. 3. All of the defendants pleaded not guilty to the charges. The four men were each released on \$75,000 unsecured bond with conditions.

The scheduling conference also was held before Binder. More than 6,000 pages of discovery documents were presented by the government attorneys. These discovery documents is information gathered by officials during the investigation.

Another scheduling conference has been scheduled for March. A trial date will be set at this time.

According to the federal court, the defense attorneys need time to review the numerous pages of government discovery before defense motions can be filed.

NEW ROAD MAN — Bill Gannon has been sworn-in as the newest road commissioner for Crawford County. Sandra Moore, who administered the oath of office, also recently was sworn-in as county clerk/register of deeds.

Special Olympics treasurer is a Grayling resident

Ray Bankert of Grayling is the new treasurer of the Michigan Special Olympics Board of Directors. He assumed the office on Jan. 1.

Bankert is a Senior Medicaid Auditor for the State of Michigan, Medical Services Administration in Grayling. He has served on the Michigan Special Olympics Board of Directors since 1992.

Michigan Special Olympics is a year-round program of sports training

and athletic competition for children and adults with mental retardation or closely related developmental disabilities.

There are currently more than 20,000 athletes around the state participating in the program. Michigan Special Olympics is headquartered on the campus of Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant. Those interested in the Special Olympics can call (517) 774-3911.

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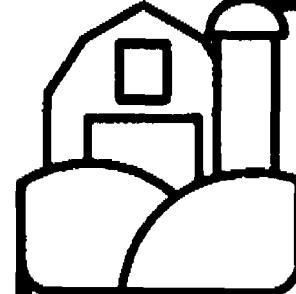
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Family Planning: Feb. 4, 11, 25.

Medicaid Screening: None this month.

Prenatal Class: Feb. 11.

Optional/Confidential HIV/AIDS testing: Feb. 13, 27.

WIC Supplemental Food Program for pregnant women, infants and children: Feb. 10, 13, 19, 21, 27.

WIC-Frederic Satellite Clinic: Call 348-7800 for information.

Maternal Support Service for Pregnant Women: Call for information any day.



NEW OFFICERS — A successful opening year at Wellington Farm Park was celebrated in Grayling recently. Plans for the second season were made, and the Wellington Farm folk began gearing up for the year with their 1997 officers pictured above. The officers are, from left, President Leon Johnston, Vice-President Nan Barnosky, Secretary Donna Hughes and Treasurer Marie Edwards. Leon and Nan replaced Donna Carmean and Jim Carmean who did a great job as president and vice-president in 1996.

Mercy dishes out grants for programs

Eight grants totaling \$30,040 have been awarded to organizations meeting the needs of families and individuals in the communities served by Mercy Health Services North.

The grants are part of Mercy's Strategic Initiative for the Poor (SIP). The fund was established to meet the needs of the economically disadvantaged in northern Michigan. In the Grayling area, four grants were awarded to the following programs and organizations: Crawford AuSable Literacy Network, Diabetic Education, Healing Touch for Low Income Women, and Christian Community Family Outreach.

The Crawford AuSable Literacy Network has been granted \$3,000.

SIP funding will be used to teach adults the basics of reading, writing and math in preparation for GED testing. Tutors will be trained, and books, software and supplies for the program will be purchased by grant dollars. Currently there are 14 women in the program.

A total of \$4,000 in grant money was awarded to Diabetes Education. Mercy's Diabetes Education

Department will promote wellness in the community by providing diabetes supplies and education to those in need. Glucose meters, insulin, insulin syringes and testing strips will be purchased for the uninsured.

Education and supplies for children diagnosed with juvenile diabetes will be provided as well. Last year, 44 individuals benefited from this program.

Healing Touch for Low Income Women received \$3,840 in the grant issued by SIP.

Therapeutic/healing touch sessions for women who cannot afford the regular outpatient fee of \$40 will be provided by Sister Jean Umlor, RN, RSM. Currently, this service is not covered by any insurance. Healing Touch, as a complementary form of care, is effective for stress-related illness, wound healing, decrease of symptoms related to chronic illness, and the promotion of physical, emotional and spiritual well-being.

The grant will provide Healing Touch services for low income women in Mercy's service area.

The Christian Community Family Outreach will be using \$3,500 which

was granted to the program.

SIP funds will be used for additional counseling and educational services related to personal adjustment, marriage, parent-child relationships, and teenage pregnancy, for low income persons. Volunteers and paraprofessionals will provide services under the supervision of Catholic Human Services counselors. This is a demonstration project intended to meet the needs of the uninsured in the area.

Two other programs sponsored by Mercy Health Services North are award SIP funds each year. The MercyMed program provides prescription medications for those who cannot afford them. In Grayling, \$12,000 is allocated to the MercyMed program. The Parish Nurse program was awarded \$5,040 to continue their work with local parishes, extending the healing presence of Mercy into the faith community.

Another round of SIP funds will be awarded in April 1997. Persons interested in obtaining a grant application can call 517-348-0368.

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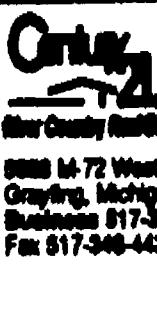
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SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

By Jan Farley

Special thought for the week: Stay warm and happy! (Only February and March to get through!)

My goodness, didn't we get the snow! We do hope that no one was inconvenienced too badly and that you stayed warm throughout the bitter cold.

Happenings at the Center: Blood pressures and sugars taken on Jan. 23 from 11 a.m. to noon.

Please take notice — Pantry Bingo has been changed to Friday due to a conflict of scheduling. "Pantry Bingo" will be on every Friday at 1 p.m. There will be a donation requested/not required of \$1 per card with a limit of six cards per person and, as the name suggests, the prizes will be pantry items with a grand jackpot prize. Come and have fun playing bingo with your friends and neighbors.

Dominoes at 5:30 on Jan. 27, and Yahtzee on Jan. 28, same time.

Stop by or give us a call if you have any questions, need help or just for fun (308 Lawndale — 348-7123 or toll free 1-888-355-4500). Remember, if

you life isn't becoming to you ... you should become to us.

Join us for meals: We serve at noon and 5 p.m. on Monday through Thursday and at noon on Friday. Vegetable and fruit salad bar on Tuesday; soup served on Monday and Wednesday, and bread, juice and milk offered each meal. It really is the best deal in town — \$1.50 donation for seniors, and \$3 for those under 60. Please try to make a reservation if you can by calling 348-7123. Menus are subject to change without notice.

Lunch/Dinner

January
22—Porcupine Meatballs/Pot Roast
23—Ham Steak/Oven Pork
24—Meatloaf/no dinner
27—Italian Round Steak/Chicken ala King
28—Connecticut Ham Dinner/
Breaded Fish
29—Roast Chicken/Roast Beef
30—Tuna and Noodles/Stuffed
Peppers
31—Salisbury Steak/no dinner

Local musicians prepare for Antigua tour

Members of the AuSable River Dixieland Band are putting the final touches on the music they will present on their up-coming tour to Antigua.

The bank members, their spouses and 20 additional people will depart Grayling on Jan. 31. Their charter bus will transport them to Detroit Metro Airport. Early Saturday morning, the group will fly non-stop to the Caribbean Island of Antigua, where the band will perform an eight day concert schedule.

The concert tour is being sponsored by Clubs International and the Antigua Lions Club. While in Antigua, the band will perform concerts which will be fund raising events for the Antigua Lions Club. The first concert will be at 8 p.m. on Saturday evening at the St.

Johns Community Center Auditorium. St. Johns is the capital city of Antigua. Other concerts will be presented at Club Antigua, Palm Terrace and The Flamboyant.

This will be the third time that the AuSable River Jazz Band has been invited to perform out of the country. For the past two years, the band has performed on the island of St. Lucia, where they raised over \$20,000 to help underprivileged children of that country.

Originally, all the members of the AuSable River Dixieland Band were from Grayling. Now, however, that number has dwindled to two. Other members of the group are from Saginaw, Gaylord, Higgins Lake, Lansing and Ann Arbor. Still locally based, the AuSable River Jazz Band performs annually at the Canoe Marathon.

The band is available for performance throughout Michigan. Should anyone be interested in traveling with the band on this tour, there are still two seats remaining, call 1-888-653-3276.

Lincoln Day dinner is set for Feb. 22

The annual Crawford-Roscommon counties Republican Lincoln Day Dinner will be Saturday, Feb. 22, at the Grayling American Legion hall. A social hour will start at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. and the program following dinner.

The main speaker will be Fourth District Congressman Dave Camp. Ken Sikkema, Republican leader of the Michigan House of Representatives, will give the legislative update with the assistance of Rep. Allen Lowe and Rep. John Gernaat.

Tickets for this event are \$12.50 per person and can be purchased from most County Republican Committee members or by calling chairperson Lynnette Corlew at 348-7607 or Art Thayer at 348-7253. All tickets must be purchased by Feb. 15. None will be available at the door.

The dinner will be prepared and served by the American Legion Auxiliary. A cash bar will be available for the social hour.

FREDERIC LIBRARY NEWS

The Frederic community Library has a pre-school story hour every second Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. It lasts for approximately one hour. Bring in your pre-schooler and let them join in on the fun of reading.

Cabin Fever Book Club has begun at the library. This program is for everyone — adults and children. All you have to do is visit the library. After every second visit to the library, patrons will receive a coupon for a sandwich of your choice from McDonalds of Grayling.

The library will be having a cake decorating demonstration on Wednesday, Feb. 5, at 4:15 p.m. The demonstrator will be Judy Hammond. She will be donating her time, so come to the library to learn the basics of decorating a cake.

The Frederic Historical Society spent a lot of time preparing and displaying the Frederic High School

graduating class pictures in the library. The graduating classes are 1935-1966, excluding classes 1944-1949. During those years, the classes graduated in Grayling. They also hung the clock from the old high school along with the pictures. It is very unique, and should be seen. So, stop in the library and see who the Frederic High School graduates are.

The Frederic Library accepts Glen's slips. The money earned from the Glen's slips pays for videos, such as family movies, educational movies and cartoons. They also pay for children's programs, treats, and activities. Donate Glen's slips to a good cause — the Frederic Community Library. Bring them into the library or put them in an envelope and drop in the book return.

The Frederic Library is open Monday and Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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Friday - 6:30 pm
Grayling Eagles Aerie #3465
Eagles Club, 602 Huron
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Saturday - 6:30 pm
Frederic Volunteer Fire Department
Frederic Township Hall

Annual chamber event draws another big crowd

Schanzs honored as 'Citizens of the Year'

by Eric Gaertner
 News Editor

A number of awards, \$10,000, and the first meeting for the new year was held on Saturday, Jan. 18, with the

Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce \$10,000 Raffle and Annual Meeting.

The large group of Grayling area residents who turned out for the annual event were kept in suspense for most of the night until that lucky ticket was drawn for the \$10,000 prize.

All 275 tickets were sold for the raffle. Chamber officials drew the first 270 tickets, narrowing the field to five persons or groups. Prizes were awarded to a good portion of the tickets drawn. The prizes were donated from local businesses and organizations.

The raffle came to an end when the final ticket was drawn with the name of "Going For Broke" on it. The winning group was made up of seven residents.

Carl Craft, Judy Craft, Sheila Bryan, Gerald Hebekeuser, Lester Fouch, Tim Smith and Dave Sabin shared the cost of the \$100 ticket and will share the grand prize.

The raffle drawing wasn't the only highlight of the evening, as the highest honor of the Grayling community was awarded at the event. Don and Rae Ann Schanz were presented with the Citizens of the Year award.

The honor usually is bestowed upon one individual from the community, but this year the chamber saw fit to recognize a couple for their years of service to the area. The couple also wished well in their new community, as they have moved from the area.

"I don't think there is anyone in this room who doesn't know that Don and Rae Ann have been nothing short of outstanding community members," said John Alef, last year's Citizen of the Year. "Both have shared their time and experience unselfishly for the betterment of many local volunteer organizations."

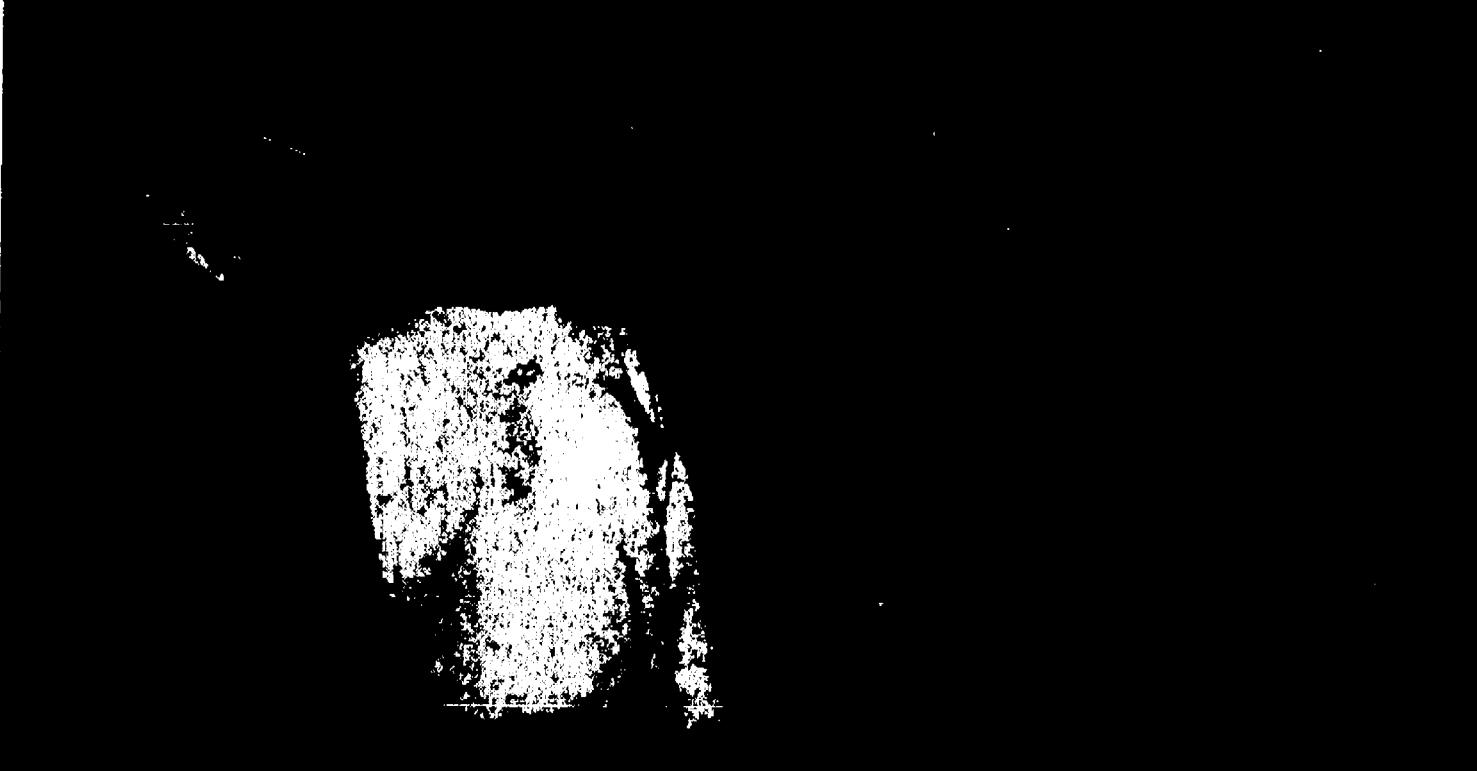
Alef went on to mention some of the many organizations and activities the Schanzs were involved with.

Don Schanz was involved with the chamber of commerce as a director and two terms as president. He also was committed to the Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Marathon. Another highlight of his community involvement featured the Junior Achievement Program which is now running in the local school system.

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-- John Alef,
 1996 Citizen
 of the Year

BIG WINNER — Tim Smith reacts to the rest of the seven-person group who won the 1997 Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce \$10,000 raffle. "Going for Broke" had their ticket drawn last out of the 275 tickets which were sold for the event.



HIGHEST HONOR — Don and Rae Ann Schanz were named as the Grayling "Citizens of the Year" at the chamber raffle. The two community involved persons were given the community's highest honor.

Rae Ann Schanz also has worked with the chamber and the canoe marathon. She also served as an officer of the Grayling Promotional Association. The association recently honored her as the Woman of the Year.

The Athena Award was presented to Carolyn DiPonio. The award goes to an exceptional individual who has achieved excellence in business, has served the community in a meaningful way, and has assisted women in reaching their full potential.

DiPonio is a long-time Grayling resident and business person. She is a past president of the Grayling Promotional Association and is active in the United Way. She also has been active in school projects and other activities.

The third award presented at the annual event was the beautification or "Silver Lining" award. This year the award went to the Crawford County Avalanche.

The award annually goes to a business which has made a substantial improvement in the appearance of its property, adding to the pride in the community. Linda Golnick, general manager of The Avalanche, accepted the award.

Chamber President Keith Kenney gave the presidential address at the annual meeting. He focused on the past year's accomplishments and the future goals for the chamber.

Last year chamber officials told residents that work was beginning on a recreational trail through Grayling. Kenney said. With the assistance of Rep. Allen Lowe, the legislation allowing the use of the railroad right of way is now in place.

"While this is only the start of what must be accomplished, it is the springboard to the actual trail," Kenney said. "By this time next year we plan to report the trail is a reality."

According to Kenney, the trail is one of the seven focus areas for the chamber during 1997.

46TH CIRCUIT COURT

Appearing before Judge Alton T. Davis Dec. 16:

Sharon Lee Lavecchia found guilty of Utter and Publish, delayed sentence for one year, fees - \$40 crime victim, \$120 court costs and \$645 attorney fees.

Anthony Kress found guilty of Prisoner Possess Contraband. Sentenced to Michigan Department of Corrections 12-60 months to run consecutively with present sentence.

Patricia A. O'Shay, OUIL third offense. Sentenced to three years probation, 12 months in the county jail. Two months to be served now with balance held in obeyance.

John Joseph Willett found guilty of Criminal Sexual Conduct, first degree. Sentenced to Michigan Department of Corrections for 240-600 months with 74 days credit.

Edwin Roy Elliott found guilty of OUIL third offense. Sentenced to three years probation and 12 months in the county jail with credit for two days served.

Appearing before Judge John G. Hunter:

Frank B. Burman found guilty of Attempted Possession of a Dangerous Weapon. Sentenced was delayed for one year.

Appearing before Judge Dennis F. Murphy:

Michael John Harris found guilty of Breaking and Entering with Intent. Sentenced to 24-120 months in the Michigan Department of Corrections with 103 days credit. Fines - \$60 crime/victim, \$293 restitution and \$342.71 restitution.

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OBITUARIES

Fred Brooks

Fred R. Brooks, 95, died Sunday, Jan. 19, 1997 in Lansing.

Mr. Brooks was born Nov. 13, 1901 to Hattie and Fred Brooks. He lived in Lansing all of his life and retired from Michigan Bell after 41 years of service.

He was a member of Grace Methodist Church in Lansing and served on the Board of Trustees.

He is survived by his wife Mildred of Lansing and his son Duane of Grayling.

The funeral was held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22, at Palmer Bush in Lansing.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church of Grayling.

William Eldred

William B. Eldred, 82, died at his residence in West Bloomfield on Jan. 19, 1997.

He was born on June 19, 1914, in Crystal Falls.

Mr. Eldred, a retired manufacturing superintendent, was employed at Chrysler Corporation for 35 years before retiring. He was preceded in death by his wife, Anne B. Eldred, on July 31, 1996.

Surviving are: son Jerome and Lorraine Eldred of Utica; son John Eldred of Toledo; daughter Pamela Eldred of West Bloomfield; daughter Melanie Eldred of Farmington Hills; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A mass of Christian burial was held at noon on Tuesday, Jan. 21, at the St. Colman Catholic Church in Farmington Hills. Rev. Norbert V. Kondzierski officiated.

Burial will be in Elmwood Cemetery, Grayling, in the spring of 1997. Arrangements were made by Sorenson Funeral Home, Inc., McElvans Chapel, Grayling.

His family suggests memorials be directed to the Community Living Center, Farmington, MI 48024.

Counseling available

Free tax counseling will again be available for senior citizens 60 years or older with low or moderate incomes at the Senior Citizen Center at 308 Lawndale in Grayling.

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We also want to thank the medical professionals at Grayling Mercy Hospital and Mercy Manor for the excellent care provided during his hospitalization. What would we do without Mercy Hospital in Grayling.

To the Sorenson Funeral Home for all of the arrangements. Masonic Lodge, Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church and O.E.S. for the fellowship luncheon, and Pastors Doug Patterson and Joe Carpenter for their pastoral care during this time, and Mrs. Carol Money for the special music.

May the Lord bless you
Elsie Larson and Family

Card of thanks

I would like to take a minute to thank all of you for all the cards, phone calls, food, prayers, and love that you gave to me during my recovery from my accident.

You are all so special that I thank God every day for being given the privilege of knowing each one of you.

God Bless,
Marlene

MILITARY NEWS

Neil Tomes

Navy Petty Officer Second Class Neil A. Tomes, son of Albert J. and Carol J. Tomes of Frederic, recently returned from a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean, Adriatic and Red Seas and Persian Gulf while serving with Strike Fighter Squadron 83, embarked aboard the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise.

Home based at Cecil Field, Florida, Tomes' squadron completed 1,537 missions which accounted for more than 2,665 flight hours while operating with the USS Enterprise Battle Group. The battle group included more than 13,000 sailors and Marines, eight tactical aircraft squadrons, seven combatant ships and two submarines.

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During the deployment, Tomes visited Bahrain, Crete, France, Greece, Israel, Italy, Spain and the United Arab Emirates.

The 1982 graduate of Chadsey High School of Detroit, joined the Navy in June 1982.

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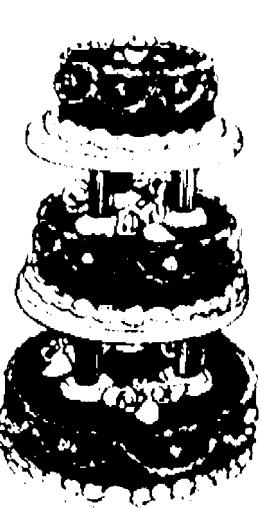
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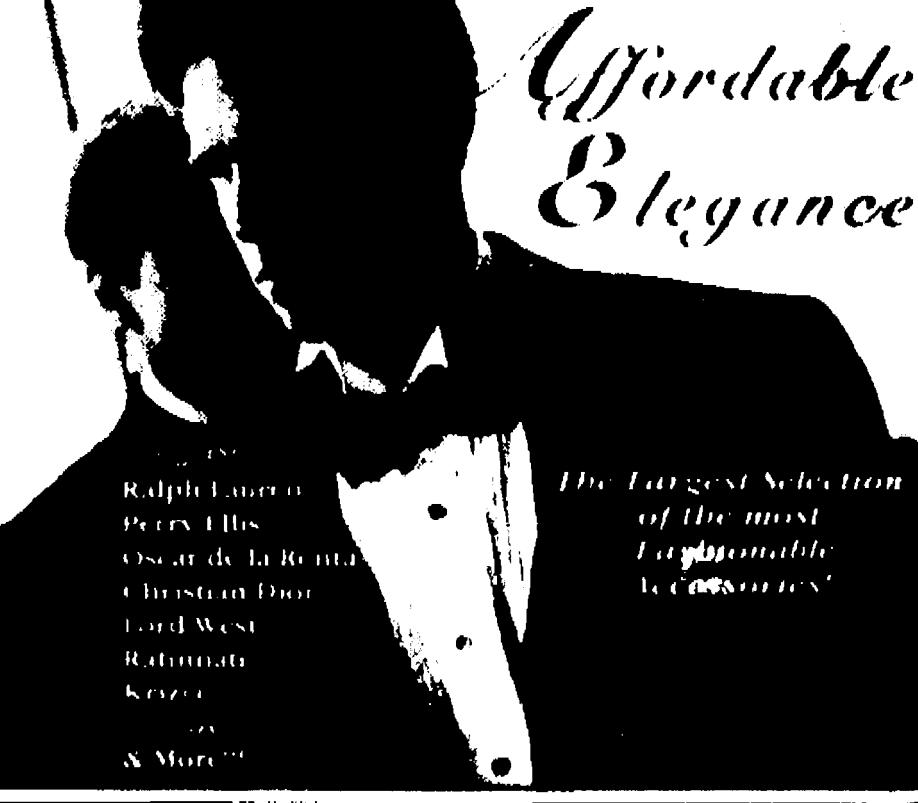
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NOTES NORTHERN

Section B - Crawford County Avalanche

Thursday, January 23, 1997

Nordic ski races held at Hanson Hills

by Lisa Hofman
Staff Reporter

On Jan. 18 and 19, cross country skiing races were held at Hanson Hills, Grayling.

The 30 kilometer Michigan Cup Marathon, held Jan. 18, was divided into a men's and a women's division.

The men's race, having 70 participants, was won by Milan Baic, Williamsburg, in 1:41:38.

The rest of the top 20 were:

2 - Clifford A. Onthank, Traverse City (1:42:50);
3 - John Gravlin, Linwood (1:45:02);
4 - Bill Brundage, Traverse City (1:48:39);
5 - Tim Onthank, Traverse City (1:50:11);
6 - Don Camp, Grand Haven (1:50:13);
7 - Jeff Kalember, Gaylord (1:50:20);
8 - Jon Morgan (1:51:35);
9 - Stephen Smigiel, Cedar Springs (1:52:17);
10 - Christian Byar, Traverse City (1:55:13);
11 - Steven Vreken, Grosse Pointe (1:55:15);
12 - Randal D. Bladel, Granger (1:55:39);
13 - John Ott, Traverse City (1:55:53);
14 - Bruce Barton, Homer (1:56:33);
15 - Scott Hooper, Traverse City (1:57:03);
16 - Thomas Weston, Muskegon (1:57:37);
17 - **Dick Fultz, Roscommon (1:58:58)**;
18 - Scott A. Quiring, West Olive (1:59:33);
19 - Matt Daly, Pinckney (2:00:06);
20 - Mark Payne, Interlochen (2:00:59).

Local participants finishing the race are as follows:

23 - Patrick McEnaney, Roscommon (2:02:27);
26 - Patrick McNamara, Grayling (2:06:00);
44 - Fred Mills, Roscommon (2:15:12); and
60 - Joseph Seifert, Grayling (2:34:51).

McNamara placed seventh in the men's 36-40 age group. Mills and Seifert placed 10th and 15th, respectively in the men's 41-45 age group. Fultz placed third in the men's 46-50 age group.

In the women's group nine participated. They finished as follows:

1 - Victoria Astmus, Traverse City (1:54:38);
2 - Cheryl Darnton, Ann Arbor (2:09:14);
3 - Kaye Kradohl, Traverse City (2:13:13);
Carrie Baic, Williamsburg (2:15:24);
5 - Wendy Anderson, Cuyahoga Falls (2:18:51);
6 - Juli Weir, Rapid City (2:29:16);
7 - Roxanne Barton, Homer (2:35:18);
8 - Sara Cockrell, Grawn (2:42:00);
9 - Lynne White, Mt. Clemens (2:57:43).

In the 10 kilometer juniors race 25

participated. The top 10 racers finished as follows:

1 - Max Weir, Rapid City (35:04);
2 - Troy Kellogg, Traverse City (35:06);
3 - Melzar Coulter, Traverse City (37:24);
4 - Brad Morgan, Traverse City (37:56);
5 - Mike Haley, Traverse City (38:03);
6 - Ryan Lamott, Traverse City (38:21);
7 - Adam Granger, Traverse City (38:23);
8 - Dan Yankus, Milford (42:31);
9 - Kevin Coles, Traverse City (42:36);
10 - Matt Nordfjord, Old Mission (42:54);

Adam Stever, Roscommon finished in 21 with a time of 52:46. Stever finished in sixth place in the men's 14-16 age group.

The races started an hour later than scheduled due to the weather. "The Michigan Cup committee states races should not be held unless the temperature is nine degrees below zero or above," Hanson Hills Director Cindy Olson said.

At the scheduled race time it was 20 degrees below zero.

Participants in the marathon had to ski freestyle, otherwise known as skating style.

On Sunday, the Hanson Hills 10 kilometer Michigan Cup Classical was held. Skiers had to ski classical style only.

In the men's division the top 20 finishers, out of the 54 competitors are

as follows:

1 - Milan Baic, Williamsburg (42:25);
2 - Jesse Godson, Sault Ste. Marie (42:43);
3 - John Gravlin, Linwood (44:00);
4 - Jay Hole, Milford (44:29);
5 - Jon Morgan (44:42);
6 - Christian Byar, Traverse City (45:12);
7 - Stephen Smigiel, Cedar Springs (45:33);
8 - Leonid Tikh, West Bloomfield (45:53);
9 - Ken Dawson, Farmington Hills (46:03);
10 - Scott Wurdingeo, Stanwood (46:17);
11 - Bruce Barton, Homer (46:18);
12 - Yensen F. Schwab, Williamsburg (46:22);

13 - Dick Fultz, Roscommon (47:19);

14 - Curt Peterson, Midland (47:26);
15 - Chris Weingartz, Oakland (47:29);
16 - Matt Daly, Pinckney (47:40);
17 - Craig Collins, New Zealand (48:27);
18 - Tom Anderson, Big Rapids (49:55);
19 - Mike Schaefer, Columbus (49:59); and

20 - Mike Muha, Wixom (50:49).

The local finishers are as follows:

34 - **Fred Muis, Roscommon (58:21);**
37 - Joseph Seifert, Grayling (59:17) and
39 - Jim Gardner, Grayling (59:32);
Gardner placed 11 in the men's



SET TO START -- Men entered in the Hanson Hills Classical line up for the start of the race. The race was held Saturday at Hanson Hills.

Photo by Lisa Hofman

36-40 age group.

Muis and Seifert placed sixth and seventh, respectively, in the men's 41-45 age group.

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In the women's race 12 competed. They finished as follows:

1 - Wendy Anderson, Cuyahoga Falls (51:43);
2 - Roxanne Barton, Homer (53:47);
3 - Jessica Weir-Schwab, Williamsburg (56:40);

4 - Carrie Baic, Williamsburg (58:54);
5 - Kaye Krapohl, Traverse City (59:03);
6 - Juli Weir, Rapid City (1:00:17);
7 - Lynne Witte, Mt. Clemens (1:05:10);
8 - Sara Cockrell, Grawn (1:06:48);
9 - Merry Vander Linden, Livonia (1:09:05);
10 - Carole Mue Brumbaugh, Rockford (1:14:03);
11 - Pat Groves, Toledo (1:26:22); and

12 - Beth Caldwell, Ann Arbor (1:45:13).

The five kilometer classical consisted of 45 racers. The top 10 finished as follows:

1 - Max Weir, Rapid City (22:34);
2 - Troy Kellogg, Traverse City (23:24);
3 - Melzar Coulter, Traverse City (23:24);
4 - Ryan Lamott, Traverse City (24:32);
5 - Mike Haley, Traverse City (24:45);
6 - Adam Granger, Traverse City (25:20);

7 - Dan Yankus, Milford (26:11);
8 - Matt Nordfjord, Old Mission (26:19);
9 - Nick Comerford, Traverse City (26:40); and

10 - Brad Morgan, Williamsburg (26:47).

Mark Hartman, Grayling, finished first in the men's 20 and over age group with a time of 39:43.



5K FINISHER -- Nine-year-old Morgan A. Weir, Rapid City, finishes the 5 kilometer Hanson Hills Classical race. He finished in a time of 40:48.

Photo by Lisa Hofman



AND HE'S OFF -- Stephen Smigiel of Cedar Springs starts out of the gate at the Hanson Hills Classical on Sunday. Smigiel finished seventh in the race.

Photo by Lisa Hofman

CRAWFORD COUNTY SPORTS

Ski race clinic begins

The 1997 Citizen's Bank Race Clinic at Hanson Hills is off and running.

John Alef said, "46 area kids from pre-school age through eighth grade took part in the race clinic this week."

This is a free program for kids who wish to race and take part in the clinic. The only requirement is that the skier must have a valid lift ticket and their own ski equipment. The program will be held every Sunday at 1 p.m. in January and February.

In the pre-school to kindergarten group, first-time racer Spencer Dean skied his way to a first-place finish. In the first and second grade girls' group Rachel Doremire finished first, followed by Jessica Riddle and Colleen Fleischmann.

Kody Diola was the top finisher for the first and second grade boys. Rocky McNamara was second followed by Andrew Hart, Ryan Hanes, and Kody Curtis. The top finisher for the third and fourth grade girls was Mallory Olson. Mallory beat second-place finisher Jill Seager by less than four-tenths of a second. Third was Jodi Riddle; fourth, Nicole Dixon; fifth, Michele McGuire.

Trevor Clough was the top finisher

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FINISHING STRONG -- Gene Dehnert, Mashawaker finishes his race during the Michigan Cup Marathon/Hanson Hills Classical weekend. The races were held at Hanson Hills, Jan. 18 and 19.

Photo by Eric Gaertner



ON COURSE -- Skiing along the course in the junior division of the Michigan Cup Marathon are No. 14 Ben Burgess, Traverse City, who finished in 11th place; No. 2 Joni Weir, Rapid City who finished in 20th place; and No. 9 David Tarnow, Traverse City who finished in 23rd place.

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Grayling Viking wrestlers hold second home meet of the 1996-97 season Thursday

Local grapplers preparing for upcoming 'big' tourneys

by Eric Gaertner
News Editor

As the wrestling season passes the middle portion of the schedule, the push toward improvement and preparedness for the conference and district meets begin.

Another important tournament which pits northern Michigan wrestlers against one another is the Northern Michigan Championships. The Grayling Vikings will be competing in the annual tournament at Gaylord High School on Saturday, Jan. 25.

Other action for the Grayling grapplers will be the first Viking home meet in quite awhile. The Vikings will host Kalkaska and Mancelona on Thursday, Jan. 23, beginning at 6 p.m. The tri-meet also will be parents night for the local wrestlers.

The Northern Michigan Championships is an opportunity for teams and individuals to gain bragging rights in the upper portion of the state. The tournament features 22 teams from northern Michigan.

The Vikings took on a lot of down-state talent at the Ithaca Tournament on Saturday, Jan. 18. According to coach Don Ferguson, the good competition in Ithaca was a good preparation tournament for the tough Northern Michigan Championships.

The wrestlers from Grayling made a good showing in Ithaca, finishing in seventh place as a team. The event featured 17 teams.

"There were a good number of state qualifiers and state placers at the Ithaca Tournament," Ferguson said. "In all of the weight classes, there was tough competition."

The tough competition was proved by the fact that the tournament lasted for a good portion of the day of Saturday. The long tournament with a lot of close, long matches lasted 11 hours.

Grayling was well represented at the tournament, placing seven wrestlers. Once again the Vikings had good senior leadership, as two seniors led the way for the team.

Senior Eddie Davis (125-pounds)

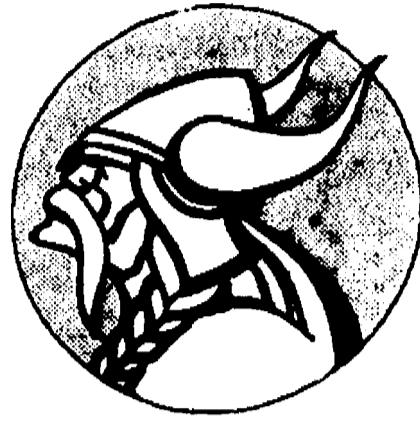
was crowned champion at his weight class by defeating all comers. His record has improved to 17-4 on the season.

Senior Jason Hall (140) also ended up in the championship match in his weight division. He fell short in his bid to be champion, but received runner-up honors. His season mark improved to 22-2.

David Shepherd (130) also picked up his 20th win of the season at the Ithaca Tournament. Shepherd, 20-6, finished third at the tournament.

Ben Malonen and Josh Taylor finished in fourth place in their respective weight classes. Malonen (135) finished Saturday with a 13-4 record on the season and Taylor (140) moved his season mark to 19-5.

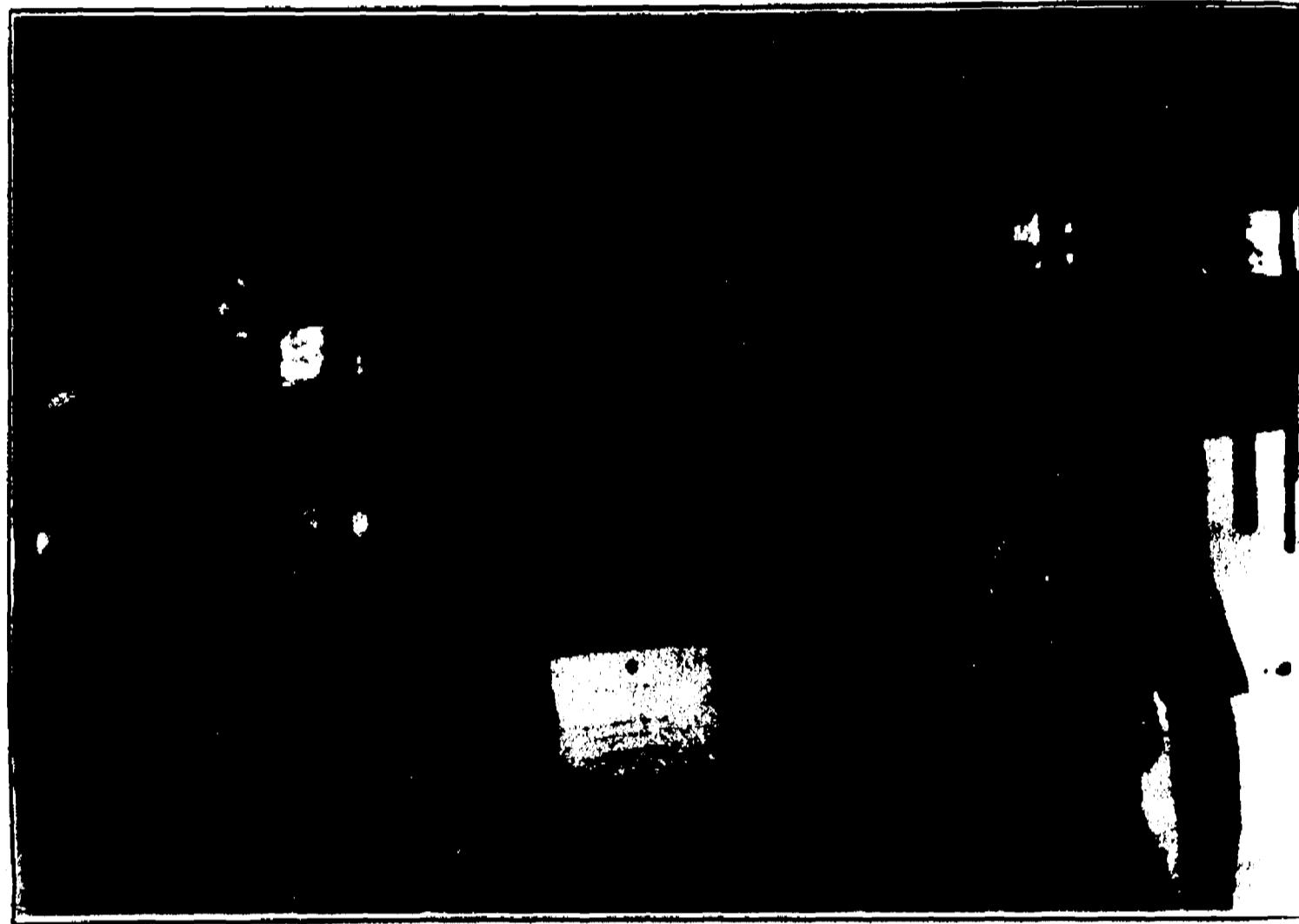
Joe Medrious (152) and Josh Niederer (103) rounded out the Vikings who placed at the event. Medrious improved his record to 18-6 with his fifth-place finish and Niederer ended up sixth in his weight class.



Holiday Inn
Viking
of the week

Wrestling Eddie Davis

Viking senior Eddie Davis was chosen Viking of the Week last week for winning the 125-pound weight class at the Ithaca tournament last week, raising his season mark to 17-4.



SPEAKING EVENT — Miss Basketball in Michigan was the guest speaker at the Grayling Kiwanis Club meeting Monday. The group presented Deana Nolan with a certificate honoring the event. Pictured are, from left, President Toby Shambarger, Nolan and John Smock.

Kiwanis hosts Miss Basketball for Michigan at Monday's club meeting

Deana Nolan shares experiences

by Eric Gaertner
News Editor

She may not be a professional or college basketball player, but it may just be a matter of time.

Deana Nolan visited Grayling on Monday, Jan. 20, as one of the top 50 girl basketball players in the country and the number one player in Michigan. She was the winner of the 1996 Miss Basketball in Michigan award.

The Flint Northern senior was the guest speaker at the Kiwanis Club meeting in Grayling. The visit was organized by John Smock, Kiwanis Club member and AuSable Valley AAU Basketball coach.

Smock, who follows the Flint Northern basketball team, told the other Kiwanians that he has been on "cloud nine" since he found out Nolan was going to make the trip.

Joining Deana Nolan in the visit to

Grayling were her sister, mother, and high school coach.

Nolan described her years of growing up en route to becoming Miss Basketball. She also told the service club that she understands the responsibility that comes with winning the award.

"Being Miss Basketball means to me that I am a role model for little kids," Nolan said.

The highly recruited player has received a ton of calls from college coaches over the past year. Nolan said the calls started during her junior year and they have continued.

Nolan has not made up her mind on which school she will attend yet, but she has a number of high profile Division I schools in the running. These universities include the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, University of Georgia, University of Iowa and University of Memphis.

The high school senior also is uncertain as to which type of degree she will pursue at college. Nolan said she

plans to pursue a degree in engineering or the medical field.

Nolan believes a good education is very important to any athlete at any level. She said her advice to young athletes is to get a good education first, because if an injury occurs than the education is always there.

Women's basketball has taken a step up in recent years with the addition of a professional basketball league.

Nolan said even with the pros available, she isn't pursuing it exclusively.

"If it happens, it happens," Nolan said of the future possibility of playing professionally or on the Olympic team.

The Kiwanis Club members asked a number of questions of Nolan and were interested with the responses.

They plan to watch Nolan play in a future all-star game.

In April, Nolan is going to play in the Nike All-Star Game in West Virginia. This game is equivalent to the McDonalds All-Star Game for the high school boys. The event is scheduled to be televised.

Ski race clinic begins

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for the third and fourth grade boys, followed by Alex McNamara, Patrick McInally, David Fleischmann, Zach Dean, and Paul Montagne. In the fifth and sixth grade girls' group, Allison Diola skied to the top finish. Andrea Alvarez was second; Nicole Doremire, third; Britni Baker, fourth; Danielle Ross, fifth; and Heather Vandecar, sixth.

Joey Highien was back in true form as he led the fifth and sixth grade boys. He was followed by Justin Hanes, Matt Seager, Kyle Fleischmann, Josh Jurkovich, and snow boarder Eric

Olson. The seventh and eighth grade girls were led by Joni Ames of Mio; Sasha Latuszek, second; and Charina Stewart, third.

Once again there was a good-sized group of seventh and eighth grade boys. The first four places were less than five-tenths of a second apart. Geoff Montagne took first place, Matt Ginther was .08 seconds behind for second; Paul Jansen, third; Derek Quick, fourth; Keil Clough, fifth; Matt Thomas, sixth; Ben McInally, seventh; Damien Fleischmann, eighth; Eric Hart, ninth; Aaron Mead, 10th; and snow boarder Jeremy Tobias, 11th.

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Grayling High School skiers finish in the middle at Boyne

Young girls team falls short to Ramblers

The Grayling High School girls and boys ski teams finished second in a three way meet at Boyne Mountain on Tuesday, Jan. 13, against Boyne City and Traverse City St. Francis (TCSF).

In the girls competition, Grayling won the slalom event, but finished second to Boyne City. The scores were Boyne City, 52; Grayling, 55; and TCSF, 58.

The top racer for the Vikings was

Katie Olson, placing fourth in both the slalom and giant slalom. Kim Hartman placed fifth in the slalom and seventh in the giant slalom. Jenni Jurkovich placed seventh and eighth, respectively. Brooke Ginther placed eighth and 12th. Amanda Fortino placed 12th and 15th. Amanda Febey placed ninth in the slalom, but was disqualified in the giant slalom after losing a ski.

"It was a good race for our young girls team, almost beating Boyne City on their big hills was nice to see. The girls did a great job of skiing," said coach Mike Wieland.

The boys competition was also won by Boyne City with 26 points; Grayling had 54 and TCSF had 96 points.

The top skier for the Vikings was Jason Steele placing fourth in slalom and fifth in giant slalom. Travis Hopp

had the best finish of the day with second in giant slalom. He finished eighth in slalom despite falling on the first run.

Eric Thompson was fifth in the slalom and 11th in giant slalom. Colin Hunter placed 12th and seventh. Jason Boreo was 14 in the giant slalom and disqualified in the slalom. Clark Wilcox placed 13th in giant slalom and Josh Mueller placed 14th in the slalom.



Holiday Inn Vikings of the week

Skiing Jason Steele

Viking senior Jason Steele was chosen Viking of the Week for being the top combined finisher for Grayling at Boyne Mt., with 4th in slalom and 5th in giant slalom.

Thirteen area parents tried their luck at ski racing during the Citizen's Bank Race Clinic at Hanson Hills this past Sunday.

Director of the program John Alef said, "It's always interesting when we let the parents ski the course, they come away with great respect for the efforts their kids put in each week. We saw some exciting crashes and, in some cases, lots of equipment spread out on the hill."

In the first and second grade girls' group, Avery Diola finished first followed by Rachel Doremire, Jessica Riddle, and Colleen Fleischmann. For the second week in a row Kody Diola was the top finisher for the first and

second grade boys. Rocky McNamara was second followed by Andrew Hart, Ryan Hanes, and Kody Curtis.

Jill Seager was the top finisher for the third and fourth grade girls. Nicole Dixon took second, third place went to Jodi Riddle, and Mallory Olson finished fourth. Trevor Clough fought off the competition and again was the top finisher for the third and fourth grade boys. He was followed by Alex McNamara, Zach Dean, Patrick McInally, Paul Montagne, and first-time racer Kris Curtis.

In the fifth and sixth grade girls' group, Andrea Alvarez skied to the top finish; Allison Diola was second; Danielle Ross, third; Britni Baker,

fourth; Heather Vandecar, fifth; and Nicole Doremire, sixth. Joey Highlen led the fifth and sixth grade boys. He was followed by Eric Hunter, Justin Hanes, Kyle Fleischmann, Matt Seager, and Josh Jurkovich.

The seventh and eighth grade girls were again led by Joni Ames of Mid: Sasha Latuszek, second; and Charina Stewart, third. Ryan Stahl returned to the group and led the seventh and eighth grade boys. Geoff Montagne took second; Keil Clough, third; Ben McInally, fourth; Damien Fleischmann, fifth; Anthony Jurkovich, sixth; Eric Hart moved up to seventh; and first-time racer Chris McGuire was eighth.

BOWLING LEAGUE

Sunday Nite Mixed

Pioneer Hills Motel	14-6
C.S.I. Inc.	12-8
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Computer Services	5-15
Men's High Game	J. Helsel, 217; R. Kehring, 213; J. Thayer, 187
Men's High Series	J. Helsel, 574; G. Miller, 516; R. Hinds, 484
Women's High Game	J. Hinds, 203; D. Ashworth, 187; M. Miller, 511; S. Summer, 171
Women's High Series	J. Hinds, 530; D. Ashworth, 504; M. Miller, 486

Friday Night Mixed Doubles

Heisel Bros. Logging	13-5
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Advance Collision	10-10
Mischer Auto Repair	9-11
Cedar Motel	9-11
No Fear	6-14
Tees-N-Such	6-14
Men's High Game	D. Ray, 191; B. Eron, 188; K. Miller, 186
Men's High Series	R. Buskirk, 544; B. Eron, 543; K. Miller, 518
Women's High Game	K. Lozon, P. Prosser, Y. Schreiber, 191; S. Rioux, 177; B. Lozon, 170
Women's High Series	R. Rioux, 481; K. Lozon, P. Prosser, 467; Y. Schreiber, 441

Recreation League

House of Cabinets	13
R. Calkins & Sons	13
Heisel Brothers	12
Millkin's	10
Wakely's Auto Parts	10
Rich's Cycle Service	9
Glen's	8
R&M Masonry	5
High Game	M. Miller, 191; K. VanNuck, 189; T. Jones, L. Holtcamp, 188
High Series	S. France, 511; S. Romain, 489; T. Jones, 488

Senior Citizens League

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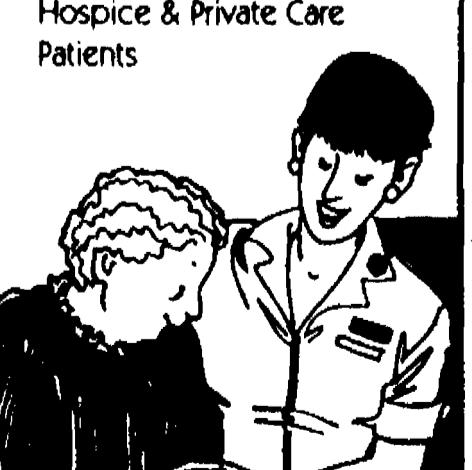
Pioneer League

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Custom Interior	10-6
Millikin's	9-7
Aunt Betty's	8-8
Lady Slippers	8-8
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High Series	M. Bartel, 557; J. Cousins, 521; S. France, 506

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Holiday Inn

Viking of the week

Skiing Brooke Ginther

Viking sophomore Brooke Ginther was chosen Viking of the Week. Brooke skied in our #6 spot and finished 8th and 12th in slalom and giant slalom. Her 8th in slalom allowed the girls to win the slalom event.



FOOT NOTES

by Ronald K. Olm, D.P.M.

That old fungal nail

With their own special array of health and lifestyle challenges, older Americans have more than their share of things to keep track of, so it's no wonder that something so far out of sight and mind as a toenail can get forgotten. A senior citizen might not notice, for example, a little dark spot under a toenail, or a slightly yellow nail discoloration. Both of those signs are common symptoms of one of the most common of geriatric foot problems: the fungal nail. A trauma or injury of some type is often the beginning of trouble. A bit of blood from the injury may seep through the skin under the nail, providing nourishment for the stubborn type of fungi that thrive in the warm, moist, protected darkness of a foot. It may be months before the infection is discovered--long enough

for the fungus to become solidly entrenched. With proper treatment, fungal nail is a stubborn, but curable condition.

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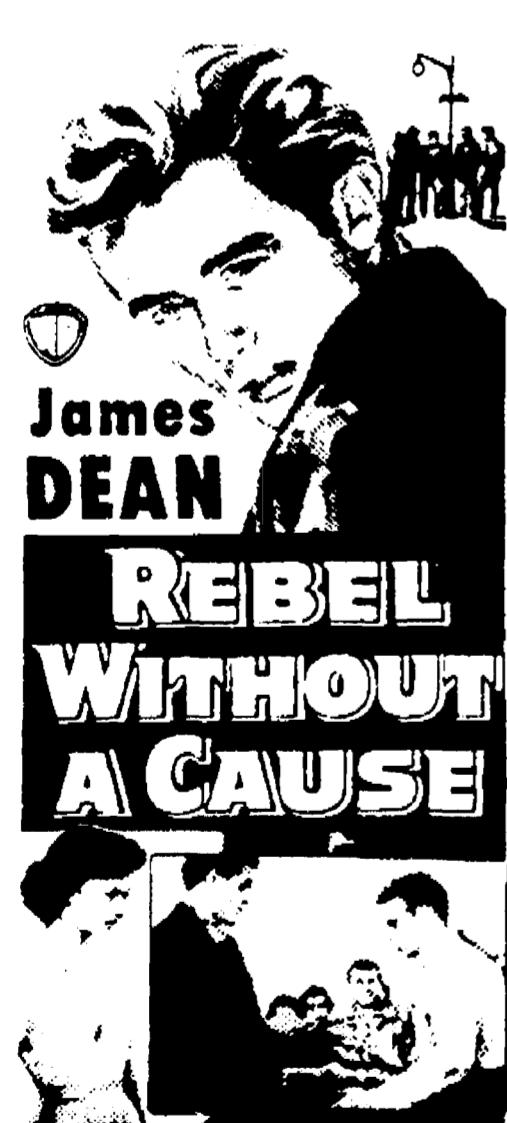
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Mid-season volleyball clash does not disappoint

by Eric Gaertner
News Editor

The Viking volleyball players came out ready to play against the Hurons at Rogers City, but Grayling ended up on the short end of a best-of-three-games match on Jan. 15.

The Great Northern Conference title is still up for grabs. Rogers City definitely is in the driver's seat, winning two of three games in the battle with Grayling.

The head-to-head competition between the Vikings could be the determining factor in crowning the champion of the conference. The action against one another centers on a best-



NET ACTION -- Jessica St. Germaine, right, goes up for a block attempt against Rogers City. St. Germaine was one of the forces at the net for the Vikings.

of-five format. During the regular season the conference teams play each other three games and at the conference meet the teams play each other twice.

The Grayling spikers would have to beat Rogers City in both games to win the head-to-head competition. The Vikings will have to take care of business against the rest of the conference to keep that option possible.

Rogers City is the team to beat, coach Rebecca Brown said. Whittemore-Prescott and Alcona also are tough and have a lot of height on their squads.

"We saw we could play with Rogers City, which will help our kids," Brown said of the tough match in Rogers City.

Grayling won the first game, 15-10, and had the Hurons on the ropes in the second game. Rogers City battled back to win the second game, 16-14, and

went on to win the third, 15-7.

The Vikings were ahead in the pivotal second game by a 12-7 score. According to Brown, the Hurons brought in a strong, top-spin server who gave the Viking passers problems.

"I was proud of the way our kids played in the second game," Brown said. "We competed hard in that game. The points came on long rallies from both teams, so it was an exciting game."

A number of Vikings had good games against Rogers City. One of the stars of the match was Erin Smith. She played very consistently.

Smith's line score after the match read: 13 passes, six saves, 10 spikes, two tips, 14 serves and nine blocks.

Nicole Craigie also played tough. Craigie led the team with 35 passes and 12 blocks. The two setters -- Kristie Cadeau and Amy Godlewski -- finished with 33 and 25 sets, re-

spectively.

Rebecca Shahan was unable to play against Rogers City. She suffered a sprained ankle in practice prior to the match. According to Brown, Shahan should be back in action this week.

The Vikings will attempt to regroup against other conference and area foes. Grayling was scheduled to take on Whittemore-Prescott on Wednesday, Jan. 22. The Vikings will host Kalkaska on Monday, Jan. 27.

"We were excited in the match against Rogers," Brown said. "We went up there looking to play hard. We will have to continue to work hard for the remainder of the season."

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Green team having 5-0 year

The eighth grade boys' Green team is 5-0 this season. They are averaging 49 points a game, while holding their opponents to 31 points a game.

In their opening game they defeated Gaylord 47-29, with Brad Gorski scoring 16 points, followed by Josh Petrie and Chris Youngblood with 8 points each.

The second game found the Vikings defeating Houghton Lake 43-33, with Brad Gorski scoring 12 points, Justin Neuberger 11 points, and Kyle Langseth 8 points.

Roscommon turned out to be the Vikings' next victory as they won 59-34. The Vikings defense held Roscommon to 16 points through the third quarter. Leading scorers for Grayling were Levi Burkett, Brad Gorski and Kyle Langseth with 10 points each. Justin Neuberger had 7 points, Ryan Mahaffey had 6 points, and Mike D'Amour had 5 points.

The Vikings next traveled to Gaylord

and they came home with a 45-35 victory. Ryan Mahaffey led the team with 10 points, followed by Josh Petrie with 8 points. Brad Gorski, Levi Burkett and Justin Neuberger had 6 points each.

Kalkaska traveled to Viking country last Wednesday to become the fifth victory for the Green squad by a 47-24 score, being held to 1 point in the last quarter. Justin Neuberger had 16 points, Kyle Langseth had 12 points, Brad Gorski had 5 points, and Ryan Mahaffey, Chris Youngblood and Mike D'Amour had 4 points each.

Leading scorers and rebounders per game for the Green squad are Brad Gorski, 11 points and 8 rebounds; Justin Neuberger, 10 points and 5 rebounds; Kyle Langseth, 8 points and 5 rebounds; and Levi Burkett, 5 points and 5 rebounds. Ryan Mahaffey and Chris Youngblood have 5 points each per game.



TAKING IT TO THE CUP -- This young Viking drives down the lane in recent action. The teams have improved over the season and are the future stars of the high school teams.



YOUNG HOOPSTERS -- The Grayling eighth graders have been battling against area teams. The green and white teams have done quite well in the contests.

White team off to undefeated start

The Grayling Middle School eighth grade boys' White team this season is 5-0. The team is about at the half-way point and are improving every game. This year's emphasis has been defense, with the opponents highest point total at 17. All players have contributed to the team's success.

The Vikings' first victory was over the Gaylord Blue Devils, 22-16. Solid man-to-man defense accounted for the win. Houghton Lake lost to the Vikings 49-12. Grayling's size and speed proved to be too much for the Bobcats. All Grayling players scored in the contest.

In the Roscommon game the Vikings took control early, winning easily 55-15. Dave Golnick led all scorers with 10. Max Schreiner, Rick Rogers, and Dan Hall followed with 8. Marc

Bobenmoyer and Peter Belcher played solid defense giving Grayling easy transition points.

In the fourth game of the year the Vikings beat Gaylord 38-15. Down 6-0 early, Grayling came back to tie the game 6-6 at the end of the first quarter. The Vikings only allowed 9 points in the next three quarters. Rick Rogers led all scorers with 13; Max Schreiner had 9, Joel Cummings, Jory Harland and Justin Manier shutdown Gaylord's big guys in a fine defensive effort.

In the fifth game Grayling defeated Kalkaska 34-17. The Vikings played a much bigger team, but held their own. Nick Bayham, Dave Golnick and Justin Manier led the defense. Once again Rick Rogers led all scorers with 11. Marc Bobenmoyer added a triple.

MAN TO MAN -- Travis Parkinson gets in good man-to-man defensive position in a game against Houghton Lake. Parkinson and the rest of the high school varsity Vikings have shown good hustle at the defensive end.

GRAYLING BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Spike's	4-0
Bindschatel Signs	3-0
Holiday Inn	4-1
Weyerhaeuser	2-3
Fox Construction/Hinkle RE/MAX	1-3
Lange Vending	0-3
Grayling Generating Station	0-4
Weyerhaeuser	69 - Pollen 17, Ruddy 15, Grant 11, Trenary 10, Hull 4, Dandy 4, Hinds 4, Kelley 2, Leng 2, Grayling Generating Station 53 - Waite 23, Cummings 10, Geers 10, Luck 4, M. Wakeley 2, K. Wakeley 2, Hannan 2.

Holiday Inn 58 - Simons 18, Hamlin 14, Smith 10, Dean 6, Weiler 6, Weaver 4, **Fox Construction/Hinkle RE/MAX 44** - Pummell 12, Donahoe 12, Mertes 6, Swope 5, Schlehuber 5, Burkett 2.

Holiday Inn 71 - Simons 26, Hamlin 16, Finch 11, Madill 5, Starks 5, Smith 4, Weaver 2, Weiler 2, **Lange Vending 69** - Jung 33, Dannenburg 14, Burrell 9, Cragg 9, Malinowski 2, Butler 2.

Spikes 90 - Patterson 27, Church 24, Kucharek 21, Potter 6, J. Gardiner 4, Thompson 4, T. Gardiner 1, **Grayling Generating Station 63** - Geers 23, Waite 16, Cummings 11, Wolcott 10, Hanman 3.

Holiday Inn 59 - Simons 14, Hamlin 11, Finch 10, Starks 7, Smith 5, Dean 4, Weiler 4, Weaver 2, **Weyerhaeuser 56** - Trenary 11, Abney 9, Hull 8,

Ruddy 8, Dandy 7, Kelley 4, Grant 2, McGregor 2, Page 2, Leng 2, Hinds 1, **Bindschatel Signs 60** - Kirk 11, M. Doremire 10, Trudeau 10, Latusek 8, Bindschatel 7, Dittman 5, T. Doremire 4, White 3, Junttila 2, **Fox Construction/Hinkle RE/MAX 48** - Pummell 19, Fox 9, Swope 6, Mertes 6, Youngblood 3, Donahoe 3.

Spikes 62 - Church 26, Kucharek 12, Patterson 10, T. Gardiner 5, J. Gardiner 4, Potter 2, Thompson 2, Kolka 1, **Lange Vending 54** - Jung 30, Burrell 16, Cragg 4, Dannenburg 2, Butler 2.

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Weekly Update

The 1996 firearms deer season was the safest in Michigan history. There were only 15 accidents, and although only one of these was fatal, this is too many. You must consider that we have about 700,000 hunters in the state with a very good record, but we must try to improve it!

As far as the deer hunting season went, it ranked 5th for harvest. Michigan firearms deer hunters took about 280,000 animals, with about 177,000 antlered bucks, of course the downstate areas did very well, but as you got further north, the kill dropped because of the severe winter of 1996, of course, some parts of the U.P. were devastated, as they may be again this year.

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FRIENDLY SKIING — These skiers enjoy the downhill action in the area. The skiers pictured are, from left, Mallory Olson, Madeline Taylor and Kelly Dunckley.

November housing starts take expected turn

Michigan 1996 housing project starts were up 11.4 percent from 1995 year-to-date totals through the month of November. November housing project stats were down 25.8 percent from October.

"The downturn in November was expected," commented Rick Delamater, president of the Michigan Association of Home Builders. "This is partly due to the end of the elections and partly due to the normal cyclical nature of the industry."

The fact that interest rates have continued to fall has helped to buffer the drop," he said. The first six months of 1997 are expected to be solid months, but we do not expect them to compare with the tremendous growth of 1996.

Fixed-rate mortgages fell to 7.59 percent in November from 7.86 percent in October. Lumber prices for 1,000 board feet of framing lumber jumped to \$471 in November from \$409 in October.



WINTER FUN — Anthony Neal enjoys the winter season by flying down the hills on a snow tube. The recent snow has given winter sports enthusiasts great conditions.

BITS OF TALK

By Fay Bovee

Ben Hammon, son of Pastor and Mrs. Hammon of Frederic, left for Russia where he will be serving as a missionary for a year. Ben is a graduate of Temple University in Chattanooga. Jeff and Betsy Hammon left last Friday to return to Pensacola Christian College.

Jack Perry, a former Grayling resident and now from Harrisville, had lung surgery last Saturday. He would enjoy hearing from his friends at his Florida home. His address is: 105 North West Avenue, Inverness, Florida 32650.

Les Hunter spent the holidays in Marietta, Georgia, with his daughter, Gail, and husband, Tom Bolin. He was joined there by his other daughters, Paula from Seattle and Mary and her daughter, Ruby Mei, of New Haven, Connecticut.

Bob and Fay Bovee spent several days in Dublin, Ohio, helping granddaughter, Doria Goll, celebrate her first birthday on Jan. 11. They had

spent the holidays in Dublin with Dena Bovee and Bruce Goll and in Saugerties, New York, with Richard and Billie Smith, Peter and Paul.

Members of the Kiwanis Club of Grayling were on hand at Hanson Hills this past weekend where they helped Cindy Olson and her workers time and score the cross-country ski races which were held on Saturday and Sunday.

Somebody must have heard the prayers of the local business people as the weather cooperated and dumped plenty of snow on us before the weekend and then decided to have a beautiful snowy, sunny day on Saturday. We're sure the skiers and snowmobilers enjoyed it.

Even though winter has set in, there is still construction going on — a very run-down one-story house on Alger Street has become a two-story house with new windows and doors and dark maroon siding. It's a big improvement in that block.

DOODLES FROM THE TALL TIMBER

By Wendell L. Hoover, Park Interpreter, North Higgins Lake State Park

Have you ever seen a snow snake? The snow snake from the tall tales side of history has white fur, hibernates during the summer and only comes out in winter to plague unwary shantyboys and now outdoor recreationists. I can hear you saying, Oh sure and I suppose you have a bridge you want to sell. I do, but that's another story. There are snow snakes, really, and if you doubt, read on.

My Iroquois ancestors, and I'm sure other Native Americans living where snow is common at this time of the year, were familiar with the snow snake. The game of snow snake was played even before recorded history and is now a cultural tradition involving skill, creativity and competition.

A snow snake is a flexible, highly polished hardwood rod some five- to nine-feet-long (the length depends on the preference of the user). The snake is made from maple, birch, walnut or hickory with a one and a half to two inch up-turned head which may be carved in a realistic fashion. The body tapers to about a half-inch at the tail

where there is a notch to provide a finger hold. Not only are these snakes highly polished, but before use they are waxed or greased lightly.

The snow snake game is played by sliding the hardwood rod down a straight trough made by dragging a smooth log some 10 or 12 inches in diameter through the snow. After any obstructions are removed, the trough is sprinkled with water to form a crust of ice. Some snow snake courses may be up to 2,000-feet long. One observer of a competition states that a snow snake had traveled a mile along one icy trough. The competitors gather at one end of the course where they take turns throwing the snake down the trough. The snake is grasped by the notch in the tail and thrown either underhand or side arm down the icy track. The snake itself is sometimes set up on end in the snow to indicate where it stopped. The winner is the man or team who attains the greatest distance in a pre-determined number of attempts.

POOL LEAGUE

Women's Pool League

Swamp II	89
Legion	88
Red Barn	88
Plaza	87
Spike's	80
Breakers	72

Men's Pool League

Red Barn II	22-14
Weyerhaeuser	21-15
Frederic Inn I	18-18
Frogies	15-21
Holiday Inn	12-6
Plaza	11-7
Frederic Inn II	9-9
Red Barn I	7-11
Breakers	6-12
8 BALL ON BREAK	Bill of Frederic Inn I. Tom of Red Barn II.
8 BALL RUN	Scott of Frogies.
7 BALL RUN	Bob of Red Barn II.
Karl of Frederic Inn II.	
6 BALL RUN	Weasel and Dennis of Frederic Inn I.

LEGAL ACTION

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Meeting held on
December 16, 1996
Grayling, Michigan

I. Meeting called to order by Mayor Golnick at 7:30 p.m.
II. Members Present: Golnick, Ruddy, Akers, Mosher*

Members Absent: Stevens.

Also in Attendance: Jerry W. Morford, City Manager; Kay Ellen King, 7 Students; Eric Gaertner of the Crawford County Avalanche; III - 96-121

Moved by Ruddy, supported by Akers that the minutes of the meeting of November 25, 1996 be approved as presented. Ayes: 3; Nays: 0; Absent: 2; motion carried.

IV. Citizens who wish to speak. None.

*Mosher was now present.

V. Communications were received and noted.

a. From Department of Treasury re: G.P. Act 198

b. City Treasurer re: Current City Investments

c. October & November 1996 Police Dept Report

d. November 13th & December 11th Emergency Services Council Minutes

e. November 1996 Finance Report.

VI. Old Business

a. Change Order #3 1996/1997 Street Program to allow 1997 Sidewalk Construction to be added to the 1996-97 Street Construction Program for spring 1997 construction.

97-122

Moved by Akers, supported by Ruddy to approve Change Order #3 in the amount of \$193,719.96 to allow 1997 sidewalk construction to be included in the 1996/97 street program and to authorize the City Manager to arrange with Hiltz Bros. to proceed with said construction as soon as possible in the spring. Ayes: 3; Nays: 0; Absent: 1; motion carried.

VII. New Business

a. Proposal to extend audit contract for 3 years from Hill, Schrodens & Co. Council decided to table until next meeting

VIII. Reports of City Manager

a. Update on recent zoning question.

b. December 7, 1996 auctioning off of used equipment with County Road Commission. City realized \$7,629.80 from sales of surplus equipment

c. Fire Department Article in paper regarding safety program

d. Re-count on District #1 Commissioners Election. Mr. Long gained 2 votes. Mr. Bancroft's total remained the same.

e. Draft of Master Plan was received today. Will review for January 1997 Public Hearing

f. Vacancy on Zoning Board of Appeals, 3 year term

96-123

Moved by Golnick, supported by Ruddy to appoint John Cherven to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Ayes: 4; Nays: 0; Absent: 1; motion carried

g. Proposal regarding Timber Bridge for snowmobile trail

h. Business After Hours at the Holiday Inn on Thursday, December 19, 1996 from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

i. Chamber of Commerce regular meeting on Wednesday, December 18, 1996

IX. Reports of Council Members

a. Mr. Mosher ask about City Police using County Cartoday. Mr. Morford noted that city car was disabled and other one was in Lansing for the Safe and Sober Campaign.

b. Mr. Golnick reported on his trip to Connecticut for the de-commissioning of the submarine Grayling. He brought back a flag that was flown on the Grayling and booklets about the submarine. It was a very interesting trip and he thanked Council for allowing him to attend.

X. Adjournment

96-124

Moved by Golnick, supported by Akers that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 4; Nays: 0; Absent: 1; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Jerry W. Morford
City Manager & City Clerk

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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

The Board of Road Commissioners will conduct their third regular meeting of the year at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, February 6, 1997, in the Road Commission Board Room, 500 Huron, Grayling, Michigan. Ray Swiercz, chairman, Bill Gannon, vice-chairman, Bob Nelson, member. J. Briney, Managing Director.

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NOTICE

The Grayling Township Board will be accepting applications through February 10, 1997 from persons interested in serving as a Grayling Township representative on the Grayling Recreation Authority Board (Hanson Hills). For information concerning the qualifications, duties and meeting schedule of this board, write to Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738, or telephone (517) 348-4361.

Monica Ashton
Clerk

NOTICE OF REBATE

To the general public:

On January 7, 1997, the board of commissioners passed a motion approving the refund of one dollar (\$1.00) for receipts from persons receiving copies with the Crawford County register of deeds office. Refunds will be made if a proper receipt is presented to the county clerk/register of deeds office no later than April 7, 1997.

Sandra Moore
Crawford County Clerk/Register of Deeds
1/8/97

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE S Y N O P S I S BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING January 13, 1997

SYNOPSIS BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

REGULAR MEETING

January 13, 1997

The regular meeting of the Beaver Creek Township Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Riley. All board members were present. There were 6 guests present.

Minutes to the regular meeting of 12/09/96 and special meeting 1/09/97 were approved.

Reports given by Supervisor, Treasurer, Firechief on Planning/Zoning and Fire Department.

Fourteen pieces of correspondence were accepted.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Discussion regarding carpet cleaning at community center. Motion by McDonough to hire Don's Carpet Cleaning, if it does not exceed \$100.00 Seconded and carried.

2. Motion by McGregor to purchase Clark vacuum for use at community center for approximately \$250.00 and also purchase a shop vac in the amount of \$100.00 to \$120.00 for use by public. Seconded and carried.

3. Motion by McGregor that we accept bid from Townsends for \$1,200.00 for Lot 46 in Swartzville and have Attorney do paperwork. Seconded and carried.

4. Discussion regarding private road signing and will bring back to next board meeting.

Motion by McGregor that we purchase computer from Computer Services in the amount of \$1,849.00, an ink jet printer for approximately \$329.00 and have the necessary upgrading done to our present three computers for \$250.00. Seconded and carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion regarding dates for summer transfer site cleanups. Bring up again next meeting when have more information.

2. Motion by McGregor to change the February regular meeting to Friday, February 14, 1997 at 11:00 am with a budget work session the same day at 10:00 am. The March meeting is changed to Tuesday, March 11, 1997, at 7:00 p.m. Seconded and carried.

3. Motion made by McDonough to pay AP bills. Seconded and carried.

4. Work session on planning/zoning changes Jan. 30, 1997, at 9:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.
Sharon Hartman, Clerk

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NOTICE Planning Commission Position Notice

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners will accept application for persons interested in serving on the Crawford County Planning Commission. All applicants must be residents of Crawford County. Please respond to Sandra Moore, Crawford County clerk/register of deeds, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738, by 4 pm January 31 1997.

Sandra Moore,
County Clerk/Register of Deeds
January 10, 1997

NOTICE OF AIR POLLUTION COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC HEARING

The staff of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality is holding a public comment period until February 24, 1997, and a public hearing, if requested, on February 27, 1997, to afford all interested citizens the opportunity to comment on the Department's proposed conditional approval of Permit to Install applications submitted by Shell Western E&P Inc. for the installation and operation of several natural gas processing facilities at the following 10 locations, all in Michigan: Wood Road, Kalkaska; Clouse Road, Mayfield; Lynn Lake Road, Waters; Harrand Rd., Kingsley; Center Rd., Kingsley; Jewel Rd., Karlin; Walter Hwy., Hawks; McMasters Bridge Rd., Frederic; Heath Road, Rose City; Blair Townhall Rd., Kingsley. It has been preliminarily determined that none of the facilities will violate any of the Department's rules nor the National Ambient Air Quality Standards, and will not consume any of the federal Prevention of Significant Deterioration Air Quality Increments for particulate, sulfur dioxide, and nitrogen dioxide. The facilities are not subject to the federal Prevention of Significant Deterioration requirements since some of them will result in a significant net emissions increase for particulate, sulfur dioxide, or nitrogen dioxide.

Copies of the Department's analysis and proposed permit conditions for each facility are available for inspection at the following locations, or you may request a copy be mailed to you by calling 517-335-3693.

CRAWFORD DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT: 202 Meadows Drive, Grayling (Phone: 517-348-7800).

GRAND TRAVERSE BAY DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT: 2325 Garfield Road North, Traverse City (Phone: 616-922-2707).

KALKASKA DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT: 503 Birch Street, Kalkaska (Phone: 616-258-8669).

PRESQUE ISLE DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT: 151 E. Huron Street, Rogers City (Phone: 517-734-4723); WEST BRANCH DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT: 630 Progress Street, West Branch (Phone: 517-34505020).

GAYLORD DISTRICT OFFICE: 1732 W. M-32, Gaylord (Phone: 517-732-3541).

CADILLAC DISTRICT OFFICE: 421 S. Mitchell, Cadillac, (Phone: 616-775-3960).

LANSING: Air Quality Division, Department of Environmental Quality, Hollister Building, 4th Floor, 108 West Allegan (Phone: 517-373-2856).

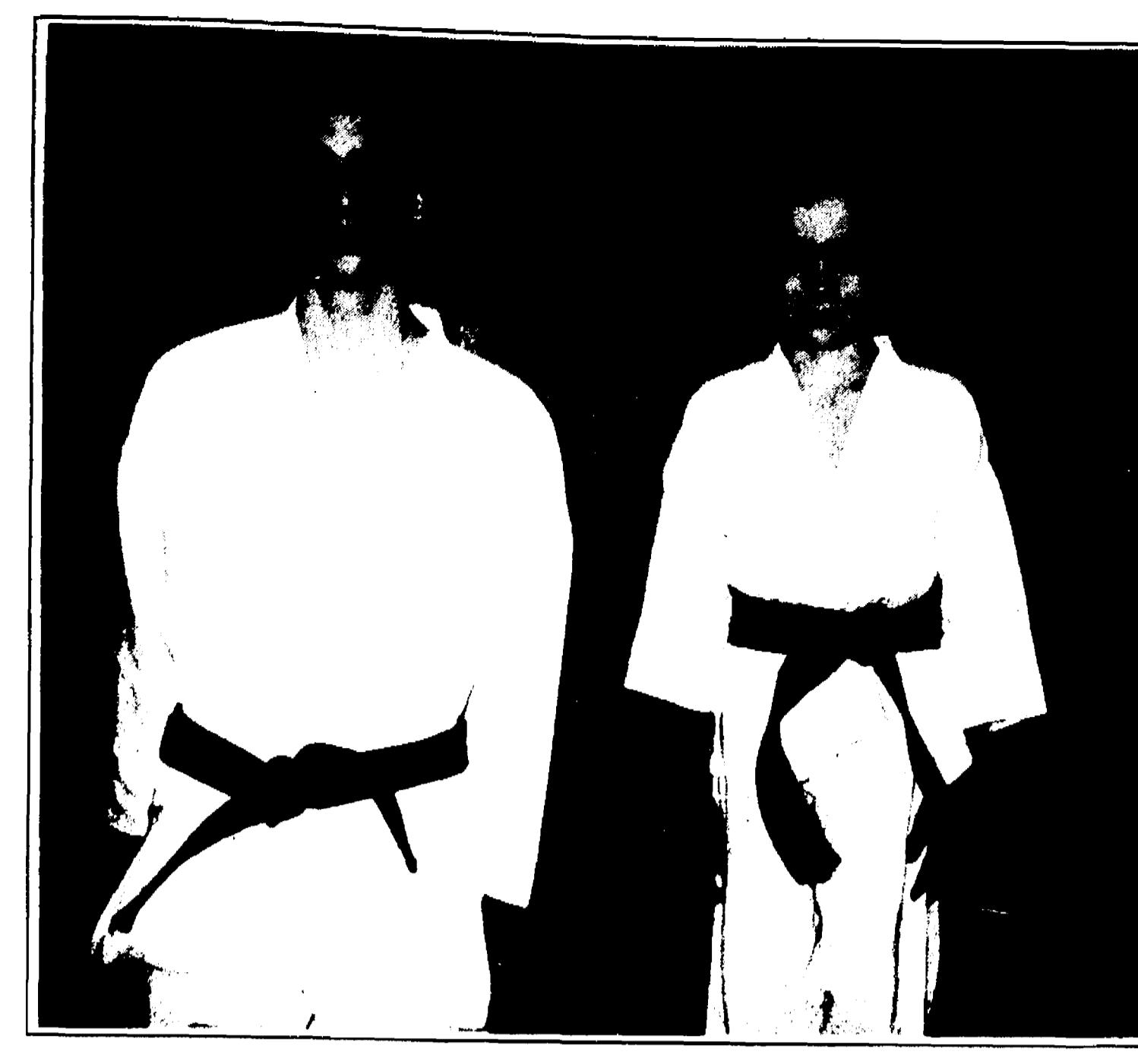
All persons are encouraged to present their written views on the proposed permit actions. Written comments should be sent to the Department of Environmental Quality, Air Quality Division, Permit Section, 5th Floor Hollister Building, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7760, to the attention of the Permit Section Supervisor. All statements received by February 24, 1997, will be considered by the Department prior to taking final action.

If a public hearing is requested in writing by February 24, 1997, it will be held on February 27, 1997, starting at 7 p.m., in the Gaylord District Office Conference Room, 1732 West M-32, Gaylord, Michigan. Those interested may contact the Air Quality Division at 517-335-3693 on February 25, 1997, to determine if a hearing was requested and will be held.

Persons needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact Barbara Wilcox, 517-373-2856, a week in advance to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
Dennis A. Armbruster, Supervisor, Permit Section

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KARATE PROMOTIONS -- Evan Glicker (left), son of David and Debbie Glicker, and Dougie Slater, son of Douglas and Marcie Slater, advanced in karate in December at the Hanson Hills Karate Club. Glicker was promoted to First Gup (highest red belt level) and Slater to Third Gup (highest brown belt level). Karate is taught by Gary Hasson, Doug Slater and Steve CdeBaca.

County governments, DEQ to work together

Erosion control responsibilities at oil and gas well sites have been clearly defined under an agreement between county governments and the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

The Memorandum of Understanding standardizes the process for soil erosion and sedimentation control permitting for oil and gas exploration and development activities. It also defines inspection and enforcement procedures.

"This is a positive arrangement that clarifies and assigns stewardship roles in protecting fragile areas," DEQ Director Russell Harding said. "Local governments will now have more effective tools to work in conjunction with DEQ to ensure compliance with Michigan's erosion control regulations."

Specifically, the agreement establishes that DEQ still issues permits for permission to drill and

operate a well. It also authorizes local County Enforcement Agencies (CEA) to review permits for soil erosion impact.

The DEQ will continue reviewing soil erosion control plans for the well sites, access roads, flow lines and processing facilities. The CEA is responsible for reviewing the permit in the area of flow lines, and also may review other phases of the operations at its discretion.

If a project is in an area with more than one CEA, each agency may handle its own area as it deems appropriate. The CEA sets and receives fees for the review, inspection and enforcement of the soil erosion plan.

At the permit processing level, developers submit a soil erosion and sediment control plan to the DEQ's Geological Survey Division and the CEA. The CEA has 30 days to review the plan and may:

• Recommend approval of the plan

• Require modifications of the plan

• Recommend rejection of the plan. That move must then be considered by the Geological Survey Division as it decides whether to allow drilling or continued operation. If the state requires modifications from the applicant, the CEA has an additional 15 days to review the modifications.

• Take no action

If the applicant changes the location of the initial well site, access road or pipeline, the plan must also be reviewed by the CEA. Once all statutory obligations are met, the state issues a permit to drill.

Regarding inspection and enforcement, the CEA examines all earth-change activities, while the DEQ inspects oil and gas exploration and production operations.

"This agreement balances the interests of all parties while still making protection of our resources the top priority," Harding said.

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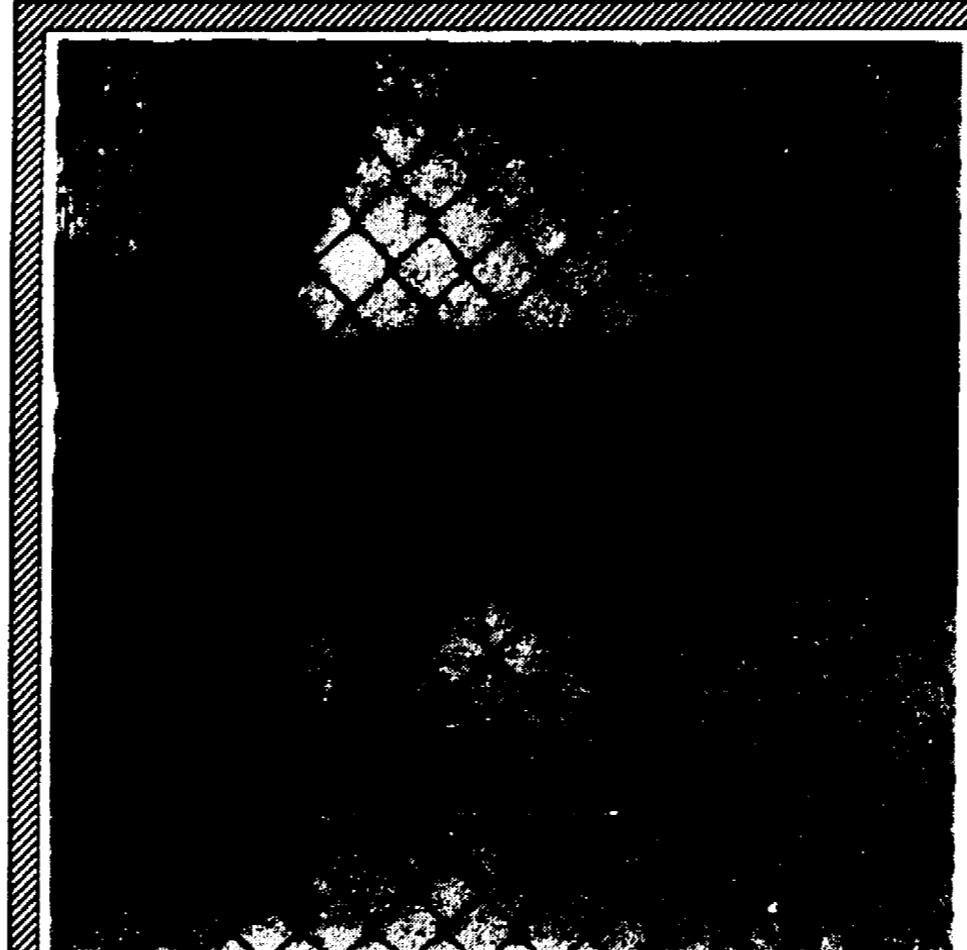
FEATURES

YOUR HOROSCOPE

Your Week Ahead Horoscope

Forecast For: February 2 - 8, 1997

ARIES March 21-April 19	When opportunity knocks, open the door. You never know who or what is on the other side.
TAURUS April 20 - May 20	Travel is out of the question. Change your plans or postpone your trip. Stay at home this week.
GEMINI May 21 - June 20	Win friends and influence people by being yourself. Your ego may be your worst enemy.
CANCER June 21 - July 22	Don't be a homebody. Get out and enjoy a little social activity while you have the chance.
LEO July 23 - Aug 22	Try a little harder to understand one who tends to grate on your nerves. Give them the benefit of the doubt.
VIRGO Aug 23 - Sept 22	Talking out a problem with a friend sometimes takes out the problem. Find your best friend.
LIBRA Sept 23 - Oct 22	Your expertise will be valued by those who need your advice and service. Be generous and volunteer to help.
SCORPIO Oct 23 - Nov 21	January is a fine time to re-examine your long-term goals. Are you sure you know what you want?
SAGITTARIUS Nov 22 - Dec 21	Communication breakdown may create a company meltdown. Be prepared to seek other employment.
CAPRICORN Dec 22 - Jan 19	Publicity will put you in the lime-light. Don't try to hide, you will only look foolish.
AQUARIUS Jan 20 - Feb 18	Negotiations should be finalized within the week. Read the fine print before signing on the dotted line.
PISCES Feb 19 - March 20	Family obligations keep you from doing what you enjoy. Don't sweat it; the hobbies will be there tomorrow.



UNKNOWN OWNERS — Do you know who these two dogs belong to? They are both well cared for and the shelter can not figure out why their owners haven't called for them. To adopt any of the pets available, stop by or give the Animal Shelter of Crawford County a call at 348-4117.

PET CARE TIPS

In the winter, keep indoor pets in a dry, warm area that is free of drafts. Elevate your pet's bed off the floor.

Provide outdoor dogs or cats with a dry, insulated shelter out of the wind. Staying warm demands extra calories, so feed your pet accordingly when temperatures drop. Bring your pet inside if the wind chill or other weather conditions become severe.

Remove ice, salt and caked mud from your pet's paws and coat at once. Contact your veterinarian immediately if you suspect your pet has frostbite. Frostbitten skin may turn reddish, white or gray, and it may be scaly or sloughing.

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago

January 24, 1974

The National Ski Patrol held its Northern Michigan Region ski ability and toboggan handling exam at Bear Mountain Saturday, January 19. Dick Taylor, Northern Michigan Regional Testing Advisor and Dick Schumacher, Patrol Director at Bear, conducted the exam. Certified examiners tested the candidates to see if their skills are of the high degree required by the National Ski Patrol System.

The RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) is continuing to grow as more Senior Citizens in Crawford County continue to find volunteer service rewarding and meaningful. There have been over 70 persons involved during the first six months with about 50 being active at this time.

Some 144 fourth grade students are participating in the Crawford County Sheriff's Junior Deputy Program. Sheriff Harold Hatfield would like to give special thanks to the fourth grade teachers: Mr. Hayes, Miss Johnson, Mrs. Akers, Mrs. Funck and Mr. Bremer.

Sixteen of Grayling's top bowlers defeated a team of 16 of Roscommon's top bowlers in the 11th annual Inter City match over the past weekend. High series for the six games for the women went to Jean Arwood with 1043 and Ralph Helsel, Jr. had high series for the men with 1125. Also, Ken Helsel won the jackpot of \$700.00.

Marilyn G. Longworth, a local beauty consultant, was among 600 independent businesswomen attending a workshop seminar of Vivian Woodard Corp. in Detroit, January 12.

For the benefit of our friends who are wintering in a warmer climate, we had a sleet storm Friday with more freezing rain on Sunday.

LeRoy Neal has been named to the Dean's List at Michigan State University for the past two terms. He is the son of Mrs. Mary Neal and Howard Neal.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Johnson and children, Marty and Travis, of South Lyons visited their parents, the Howard Johnsons, and also the Charles Piehls of Gaylord, over the weekend.

Jim and Perry Corlew, Philip and David Niederer were ushers for the Niederer-Corlew wedding on December 22. Jim came home from service for the wedding and escorted his mother to her seat.

Evelyn Driehick and daughter, Laurie, of Saginaw spent the weekend

with their mother and grandmother, Laura Johnston. They came up with their neighbors who were at Houghton Lake for Tip-Up Town.

Bill Greene received the 1973 "Man of the Year" award from the AuSable Valley Chapter SPEBSQSA. This award is presented annually to the member judged to have done the most to promote barbershop quartet harmony. Earl Whaley, the 1972 winner, made the presentation.

46 Years Ago

January 25, 1951

Burton McWilliams is moving his barbershop from Norway Street into the former Grayling Barber Shop building on Michigan Avenue. He will be in the new location on Thursday, February 1st.

Dr. C.G. Clippert, the first president of the Kiwanis Club of Grayling, was the speaker at Monday night's meeting of the club held at the Lone Pine Inn in celebration of the 16th birthday of Kiwanis in Grayling.

The Sunday night conflagration which swept the Grayling Bottling Company causing complete damage which may reach anywhere from \$50,000 to \$60,000, Carl Strobel, plant owner stated Monday.

The fires origin seemed to be in or near the plant's furnace room, Strobel stated. The blaze seemed to spread very rapidly following its discovery around 9:30 Sunday evening. The blaze attracted a crowd of well over 200 persons.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Moshier plan to leave Thursday for Minneapolis, Minnesota where the former will attend Sealed Unit Refrigeration School.

James Weckesser of Berkley left Sunday after spending the week with the Wm. LaRush family.

Bill Koernke of Ann Arbor spent a few days as guest of Bernie Mundt.

Ray Duby and Don McCormick returned from Midland, not being called for work there as yet.

69 Years Ago

January 26, 1928

Woman's Club met Monday, January 23rd at the club room. Mrs. Roy Milnes read a paper prepared by Ethel Taylor on the history of Grayling. It might be interesting to the people of Grayling to know that the town of Grayling was originally known as Forest because it stood in a dense forest at that time. Later the name was

changed to Crawford, named from the county. The name Grayling came from a fish by that name which were abundant in the streams around here.

91 years ago today Michigan was admitted to the Union and 132 years ago today vaccination was discovered.

Last Thursday Grayling was visited by a terrible blizzard that lasted all day and night Thursday. Electric and telephone lines were put out of commission and traffic was tied up for awhile.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Jenson are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter last Thursday.

Waldemar Jenson and Adolph Peterson left Tuesday night for Detroit, where they will redecorate the whole interior of the Frank L. Michelson home.

Miss Naomi Hanson gave a very delightful old fashioned sleigh ride party Monday afternoon.

Little Roy Babbitt is getting along nicely after being ill for two weeks.

Moshier and Son have plate glass on the ground to be installed in their new garage building on Cedar Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Vallad of Kalkaska are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stephan and Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Vallad. Mr. Vallad operates an auto garage in Kalkaska.

Of interest to their many friends will be the news of the marriage of Miss Gladys Chamberlain to Albert Schroeder that was solemnized at Gaylord, Tuesday evening. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Peter Larson. The groom, the son of Mrs. Joseph McLeod.

Miss Luanna Lietz who is practicing her profession of trained nurse in Bay City, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roman Lietz for two weeks.

Bobby Tetu was host to five boy friends at his home last Sunday afternoon in celebration of his birthday.

George Burke, T. E. Douglas and Nels Corwin were in Detroit the first of the week attending the auto show.

94 Years Ago

January 5, 1905

Our blacksmith David Flagg is a champion. Last Thursday the bucket brigade fitted, shod and finished seventeen horses alone, all around.

Miss Eva Woodburn has a month's vacation from her stenographic work in Cheboygan.

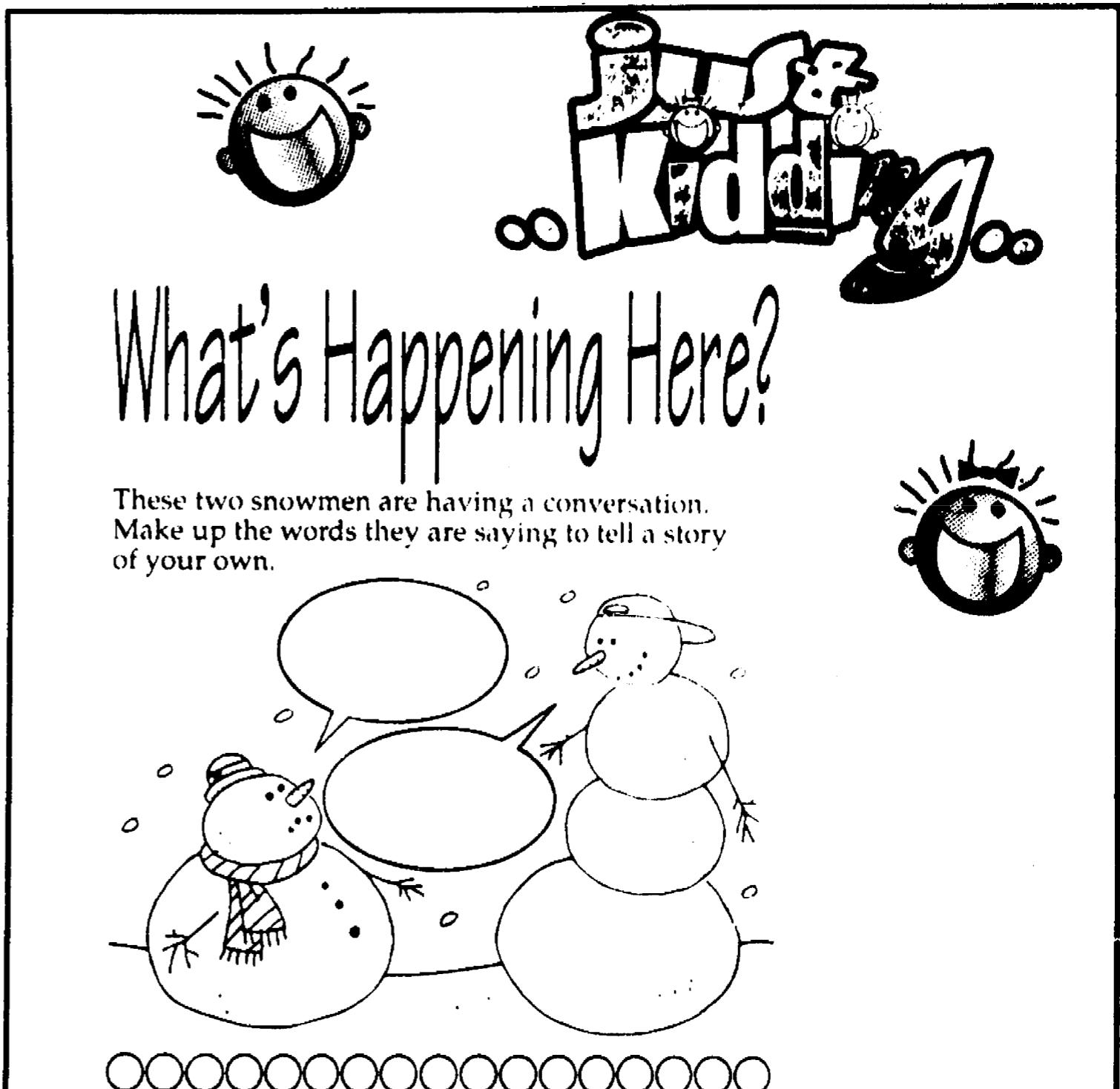
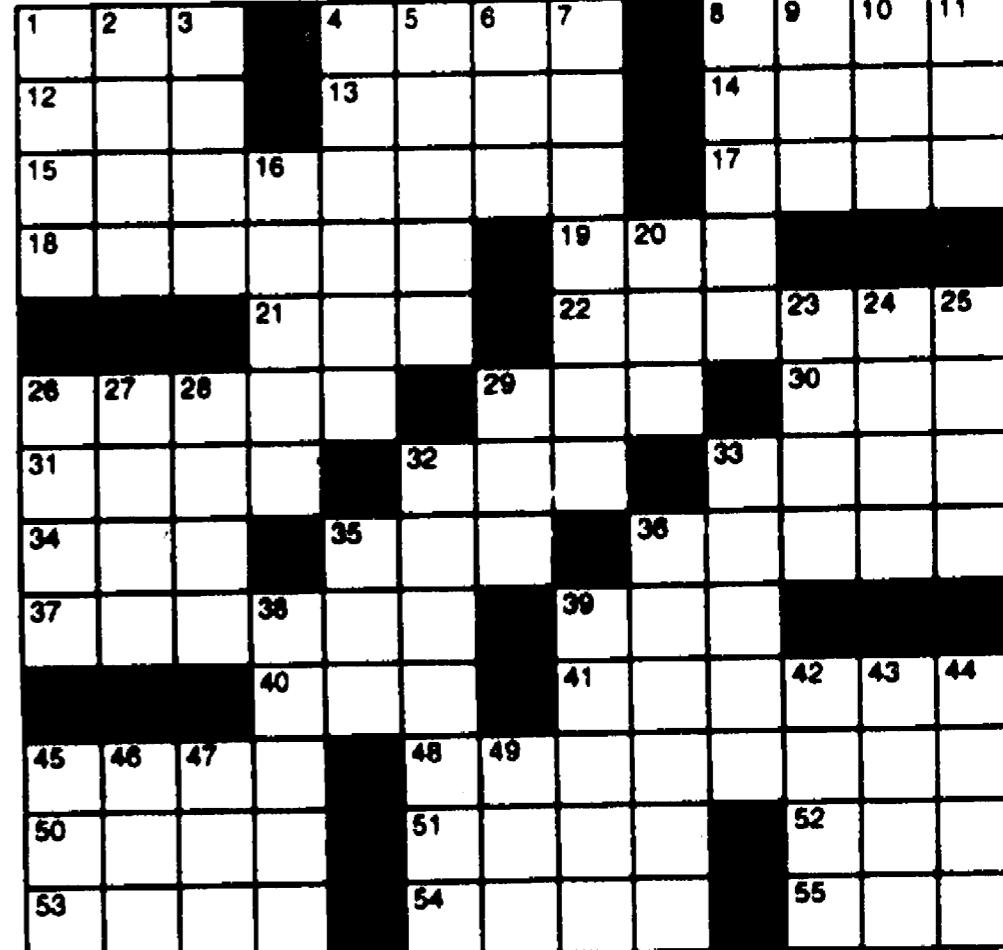
W. G. Woodfield moved into his new house Monday.

A Pearsolian experienced Boniface has rented the McKay house.

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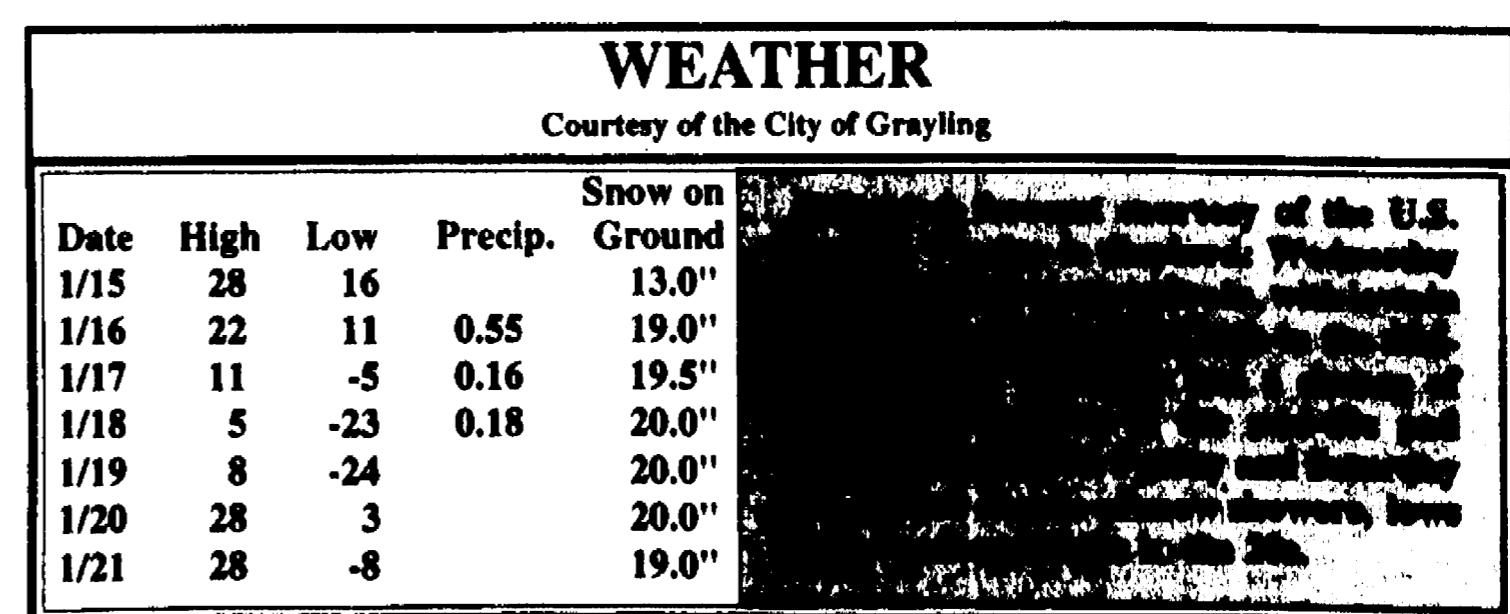
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4. Celebrity	51. Actress Patricia
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15. Oklahoma Indian	DOWN
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19. Mayberry aunt	22. Arbiter
21. Petrol	26. "____ Me Kate"
22. Arbiter	27. Eve's son
26. Actress Black	28. Ceremony
29. Ft. Worth Univ.	29. Endeavor
30. Western st.	32. John or Jill
31. Footnote letters	33. Shrew
32. Annoy	35. 106 to Nero
33. Actress Miles	36. Rejects
34. Series	38. "____ the Pelvis"
35. Outburst	39. Roman
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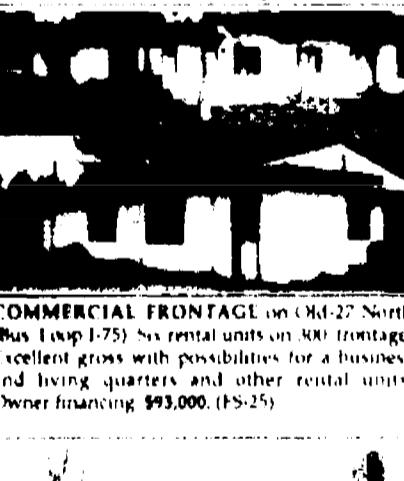
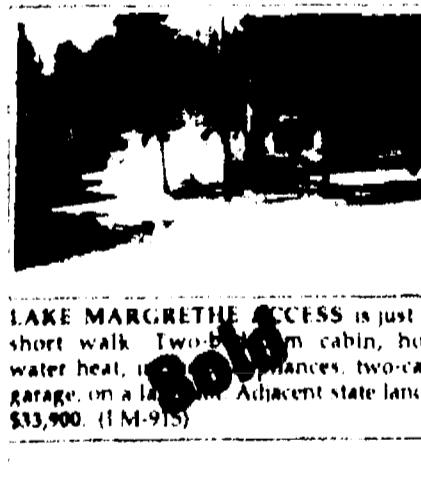
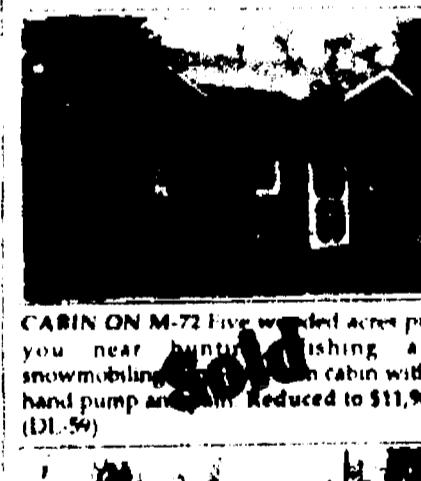
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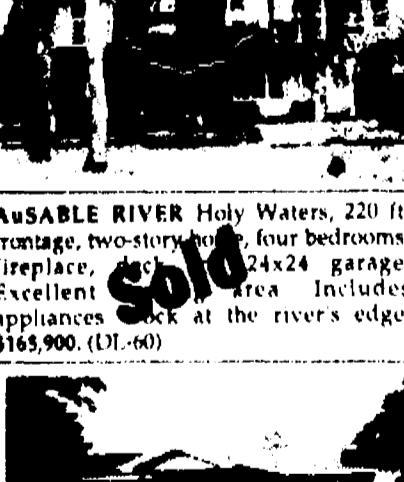
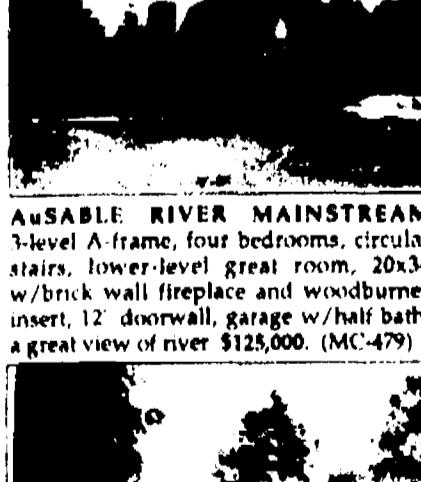
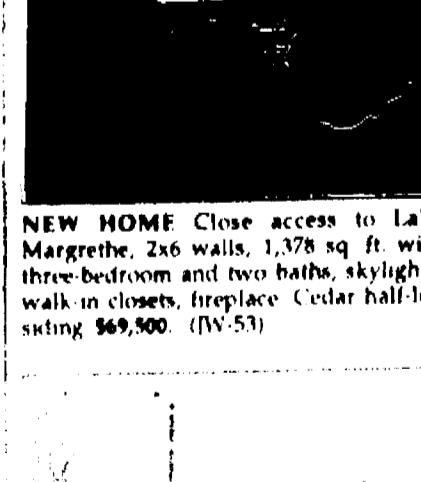
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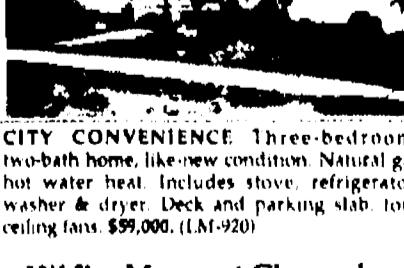
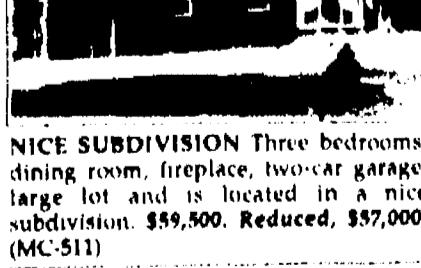
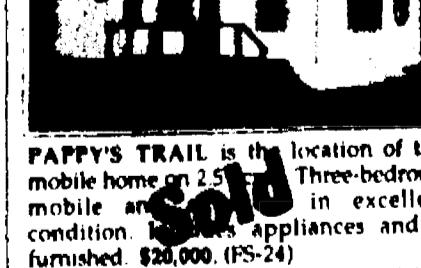
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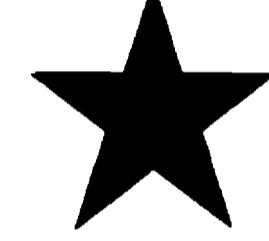
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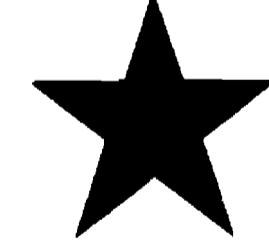


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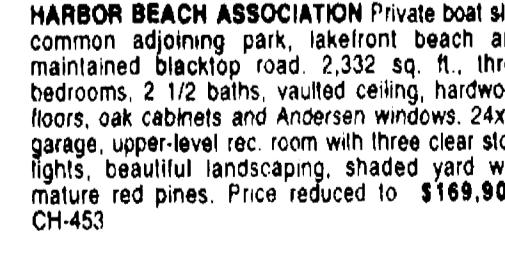
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2. For Rent

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SECRETARY for construction office. Light bookkeeping skills, computer experience preferred. Advancement to Project Coordinator possible for candidate who is people oriented, articulate and willing to learn. Please send resume with references and salary requirements to: McClain Construction P.O. Box 188, Grayling, MI 49738. 16-23/3

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Send cover letter, resume, and three letters of recommendation to Kathy Barber, Coordinator of Personnel & Business Services, Kirtland Community College, 10775 N. St. Helen Road, Roscommon, Michigan 48653. Kirtland Community College is an equal employment opportunity/affirmative action employer. 16-23/3

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3. Employment**4. Services Offered**

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